



FRESH HOPE IN BYPASS BATTLE

Report by Sue Austin

CROSS-BORDER talks between ministers have been promised in an attempt to get the Pant/Llanymynech bypass back on track.

Villagers have been campaigning for an A483 bypass for decades and in 2001 it was included in the Government's 10-year plan for transport.

But just five years later the scheme was put on hold.

Government transport minister Andrew Jones last week visited both Pant and Llanymynech to see for himself the problems caused by the major trunk road going through the villages.

He also listened to the views of residents and their concerns over the spectre of huge transporters carrying wind turbine parts using the route from next month.



Andrew Jones meets campaigners in Pant

Conclusion of Cheryl inquest to be revealed

THE parents of Army recruit Cheryl James are due to find out tomorrow (Friday) the conclusion of an inquest into her death.

Cheryl's parents Des and Doreen James, from Llanymynech, near Oswestry, have spent the last 20 years fighting for the truth about what happened to their 18-year-old daughter who was the second of four recruits to be found shot dead at the training camp in Surrey between 1995 and 2002.

All four families have challenged the way the deaths were investigated. The Army has always maintained that Cheryl committed suicide but her parents argued there wasn't a thorough investigation and have questioned whether the culture at the base at the time may have contributed to Cheryl's death.

Tomorrow they will return to Woking Coroners Court to hear the conclusion of the inquest.

The couple spoke on the BBC Wales Week In Week Out programme this week.

Doreen James told the show: "If it is your child you fight to the end."

"That's what any parent does. I am hoping now this will have made a pathway for other parents."

"They need to know there's some help out there, they will get justice eventually."

ried out last week on roundabouts on the A483 near Oswestry to allow the movement of the huge transporters through the area.

Mr Jones said: "We need to talk to the Welsh Government and see if we can work together."

"If we set up lines of communication we can get these improvements."

Villager Mike Catt told Mr Jones that he had heard the same words 30 years ago when John Biffen was MP.

"We are really fed up with this situation," he said.

"The cost of patching and repairing the road, which is constantly being broken up by the heavy lorries, must be enormous."

"We had hoped to get this bypass before a tragedy but sadly a young man died on the road in October."

Parish councillor Dilys Gaskill told the minister: "We are really concerned about what will happen when the wind turbine transporters start using the A483."

The visit had been organised by North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson and was also supported by Montgomeryshire MP Glyn Davies and the area's Welsh Assembly Member Russell George.

Mr George said he was helping to set up meetings between Westminster and Welsh Assembly officials.

Mr Jones said he would be keen to meet Welsh minister for transport, Ken Skates, whose constituency of Clwyd South is a few miles north.

"He has to travel this route to Cardiff from his Clwyd South constituency," he said.

He said the Welsh Assembly, which has funded the Four Crosses, Welshpool and now Newtown bypasses, was keen to help, by putting in 10 per cent of the cost of the bypass.

But Mr Paterson said: "We need more co-operation."

"Although 90 per cent of the benefits of the stretch of the A483 are to Wales, 90 per cent of the problems are experienced in England."

During his visit to the region last week Mr Jones was also taken along the A5 by Mr Paterson to see for himself why campaigners were asking for the route to become a dual carriageway.

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Streets packed for carnival



There were plenty of colourful characters at this year's Welshpool Carnival. Photo: Jamie Ricketts.

THE sun shone as hundreds of smiling faces enjoyed the colourful festivities of Welshpool's annual Bank Holiday Monday.

People came out in force to watch this year's Mardi Gras-themed Welshpool Carnival on Bank Holiday Monday.

Home town athletic star Adele Nicoll had the honour of opening the event.

Newly appointed Mayor Councillor Steve Kaye said he was delighted with the turnout.

He said: "There were lots of happy faces in the town, the turnout was fantastic."

"I'd say there were at least 500 people easily, if not more just watching the parade."

"Everyone was in really good spirits and the weather worked out well for us."

"It was gorgeous which certainly helps."

Councillor Kaye said he enjoyed his first major event as mayor of the town.

He said: "I met the Queen off the train – the carnival queen that is."

"The parade was superb, and it was wonderful to see all those many people out enjoying themselves in the town because that means money's being spent in Welshpool."

"I have to say a big well done to the carnival committee who've done a fantastic job of organising another brilliant carnival for Welshpool."

The annual community day got started when this year's carnival queen Sian Williams and her attendants arrived at the event in style, on board the Welshpool and Llanfair Light Railway, in time for the procession.

The big carnival procession left Berriew Street car park at 1pm, led by the Batala Bermo Band, before ending at Maesdyre Recreation Ground, where Adele Nicoll officially opened the event.

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COUNCIL

No confidence vote on unitary authority is issued

A PARISH council that previously hit out at Shropshire Council for treating a village like "a poor relation" has formally recorded a vote of no confidence in the authority.

Roger Dyke, clerk of Weston Rhyn Parish Council, has written a letter on behalf of the parish council to the authority's chief executive Clive Wright, declaring they have recorded a vote of no confidence in Shropshire Council and their elected representatives Councillor David Lloyd and Councillor Robert Macey.

Mr Dyke claimed the council had been ignored over requests for new road safety measures and that neighbouring villages Gobowen and St Martins had been prioritised over Weston Rhyn.

In his latest letter, Mr Dyke has asked Mr Wright to reply to parishioners' points and requested that he attends a future meeting of the parish council, in order to "have a meaningful discussion on how Weston Rhyn Parish Council can press ahead with required improvements with the support and backing of Shropshire Council" as well as their local representatives.

Responding to the parish council's vote of no confidence, Councillor Lloyd said: "All the points raised have been dealt with. We cannot contend with funding at the top, and while we can make the strongest representations, it's a question of funding and priority."

TRAGEDY

Teenager dies in fall from aqueduct

A YOUNG man has died after falling from a 120ft high landmark near Oswestry.

Officers from North Wales Police were alerted to the incident at the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct shortly after 1am on Tuesday.

The force said an 18-year-old had died in the incident.

The teenager was named locally as Kris McDowell, who worked at the Splash Magic leisure centre at Plas Madoc. Splash Community Trust chairman Darrell Wright said: "Kris McDowell was a bright and lively addition to our team and he was proud to be a part of Splash. He was well loved and very popular."

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Men appear in court to deny string of sexual allegations

Report by Andrew Morris

A TOTAL of 14 men – including four from Shropshire – have denied 45 charges of rape, sexual assault and people trafficking for sexual exploitation.

Judge Rhys Rowlands, sitting at Mold Crown Court, said that it would be impossible to try all defendants together and ordered that the case be split into two.

The first trial will be held on January 5 next year and the second will start on March 9.

A pre-trial review will be held in September.

The case involves allegations that two underage schoolgirls were provided to others for sexual purposes at various locations, including in the back of vehicles.

The first trial, to be tried by Judge Rowlands, will involve Rocky Evans, James Evans, Jimmy Holden, Silvester Price, Danny Roberts and Billy Joe Evans.

Rocky Evans, 22, of Old Hall Road, Elton, Chester, faces four charges of rape, one charge of sexual touching, and two charges of people trafficking for sexual exploitation.

James Dean Evans, 21, of Alvanev View in Elton but who was bailed to a Blackpool address, faces three charges of rape; Jimmy Dean Holden, 19, of River View caravan park, Ton House Lane, Widnes, faces two rape charges; Silvester Martin Price, 19, of Ascot Close, Albany Park, Oswestry, faces one rape charge; Danny Arthur Roberts, 31, of Park Hall Caravan site, Oswestry, faces one rape and Billy Joe Evans, 21, of a caravan site at Park Hall, Oswestry, faces one rape charge.

The second trial, to be conducted by Judge Nicolas Parry, will involve the remaining eight defendants, Isaac Lowther, Thomas Wilson, Levi Gorman, Thomas Beane, Miles Berry, James Doran, Paddy Doran, and Stephen Berry.

Isaac Lowther, 24, of Little Lane Caravan Park at Goose Green in Wigan, is charged with three counts of people trafficking for sexual exploitation, four charges of rape, attempting to incite a girl aged 14 to engage in sexual activity and possessing a cut throat razor.

Thomas Lloyd Wilson, 18, of Warren Road, Market Drayton, who was bailed to another address, faces three rape charges.

The other men face a variety of sexual offence allegations. All were rebailed.

Talented Barrie is carving out a new career



Chainsaw carver Barrie Graham, alongside his daughter Freya, with one of his sculptures. Photo: Alan Evans.

WHEN Barrie Graham became unemployed he decided to carve out a new career for himself, using his lifelong hobby.

As a young boy Barrie, 52, from Porthwaen near Oswestry, enjoyed carving wood with knives and chisels.

More than three decades later he picked up his chisel again, little knowing it would lead him to launching his own business – carving on a big scale with a chainsaw.

Now he is keeping busy taking on jobs and showing off his skills, including the creation of a 'bookworm' seat for children at Bryn Offa School in Pant.

He said: "In the 1970s as a boy I enjoyed carving in the conventional way. In 2011,

I became unemployed and started carving again to pass the time in between job applications."

He began by making walking sticks from hazel from local woods, carving the handle and giving them away as presents.

He added: "It was during this time that I was getting more and more requests by family and friends and friends of friends to carve bigger pieces. This naturally led me to chainsaws to enable me to remove the excess timber quickly."

"Then I had the Eureka moment. If people are are willing to pay me for my carving, why not stop searching for a job and do what I love doing for a living? The rest they

say is history." He set up his company, The Chainsaw Carver, and to date his customers include The Forestry Commission, The Shropshire Wildlife Trust, local schools and private customers from the Scottish Highlands to Cornwall, the Republic of Ireland to Italy.

His finished products range from small mushrooms and fairy houses to benches and large sculptures carved from tree stumps.

The Shropshire/Welsh countryside gives him much of his inspiration.

"This is a beautiful part of the UK which is full of history, myth, and legend, all of which give me the inspiration for my carvings," he said.

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Fears voiced traffic will affect care

FEARS have been raised that lorries carrying wind turbine parts could cause hold-ups for patients travelling to hospital.

Mid Wales health campaigner Joy Jones voiced concerns that convoys transporting wind turbine parts for work on the Tirgwynt Wind Farm, between Cefn Coch and Carno, and the Garreg Llwyd Hill windfarm, on the Black Mountain between Felindre and Llanbadarn Fynydd, will cause disruption to patients' journeys to hospital.

She said: "I'm convinced that people will die as a result of the traffic caused by the wind farm traffic, especially patients living in Newtown because there's also the bypass works to consider."

"The roads are bad enough without works on the area's roads but this will get worse because of the works."

Mrs Jones reiterated her plea for Shropshire health officials to site a single A&E department in Shrewsbury because she says it is at the most central location out of the areas they serve.

"Surely healthy hospital staff should be travelling to the sick patients, not the sick patients travelling further to them," she said.

"It shouldn't be about saving money, and money should not be put in front of patients. Patients come first."

Solicitor walking for good causes

A SOLICITOR who beat cancer 21 years ago will take part in a 42-mile walk across Wales for charity.

Richard Lloyd, 57, a partner with Oswestry law firm GHP Legal, has signed up for the Rotary Across Wales Walk which will start just south of Machynlleth on June 18.

The walk is in aid of Noah's Ark Children's Hospital for Wales Appeal and Rotary Charities.

Mr Lloyd is also raising sponsorship which he plans to donate to two charities close to his own heart.

"As it is 21 years since my encounter with cancer, and as I was a premature baby I am raising money for Cancer Research and Genesis Research," he said.

Anyone wishing to pledge sponsorship in support of Mr Lloyd's walk can do so on the GHP Legal Facebook page, or call into the firm's offices in Willow Street, Oswestry.

'Cowardly' arson accomplice spared jail

A JUDGE branded a man "cowardly" after he refused to give up the name of the person who set fire to a woman's car.

Adam Millington, 23, drove the offender to the woman's house just outside Oswestry and parked round the corner while the Mini was set alight before driving them back to his home town of Wrexham.

Shrewsbury Crown Court heard

Millington, of Cherry Tree Road, Bradley, Wrexham, who had previously driven to the woman's house when the offender had slashed the car's roof and deflated a tyre, "panicked" after realising what they had done. He was given a two-year sentence, suspended for two years, after admitting assisting an offender during an earlier hearing on April 26.

The also court heard the woman had

been a victim of arson on August 14 while on holiday when an accelerant was poured through a back window of her home.

Dean Easthope, defending, said Millington had been at work for that particular offence and had refused to name the person who committed the offences because he feared reprisals.

The victim eventually installed CCTV at her home and cameras

showed Millington's car pulling into her drive on October 13. Millington was seen at the home on November 1 when the unknown person slashed the roof and returned again on November 6. Judge Jim Tindal, sentencing, described Millington's decision not to name the man responsible as "cowardly" and said: "In the interests of justice that person is still at large and still a risk."

Units deal will pave way for rail improvements

Report by Naomi Penrose

PLANS by Welshpool and Llanfair Light Railway to improve its facilities have been boosted by an agreement to buy industrial units adjoining the station.

Trustees have announced they have agreed to purchase the five units adjoining Llanfair Caereinion station, which could see a new visitor centre created.

Contracts had been exchanged for the site owned by Colinette Yarns, which consists of five industrial units, located next to the railway's Keyse Cottage volunteer block and running alongside its existing running shed, plus a small car park.

On this site it is intended to construct a new and larger mechanical engineering workshop, which will incorporate the railway's carriage and wagon shop. It will also release space at the Tanllan sidings facility to provide extra carriage accommodation, and release the space at Llanfair currently occupied by the workshop to build a new visitor centre. The Colinette purchase is the most significant progress so far of the railway's major developments programme, which was launched at last year's annual meeting and has as its goal to improve the railway's operations, enhance volunteer enjoyment and improve the visitor experience. Trustees said that central to the recommendations was the need for expanded visitor facilities at the station, including more hospitality space, a museum, and a site entrance closer to the car park, while retaining the existing heritage buildings in their current and original locations.

A project team will now be set up to produce a detailed design for the site.



The industrial units adjoining the Welshpool and Llanfair Light Railway's station at Llanfair

NEWS IN BRIEF

TripAdvisor award for guest house

AN Oswestry guest house has been given a big thumbs-up from visitors.

Laurels En-Suite Accommodation has received a TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence. Now in its sixth year, the achievement celebrates hospitality businesses that have earned great traveller reviews on TripAdvisor over the past year. Certificate of Excellence recipients include accommodations, eateries and attractions located all over the world that have continually delivered a quality customer experience. Guest house owners Kim and Howard Martin said they were delighted to have won another award.

They said: "We have such wonderful people staying with us it makes our life so enjoyable. Having nice comments and good reviews is a real bonus. We thank everyone for their kindness."

The Certificate of Excellence accounts for the quality, quantity and recency of reviews submitted by travellers on TripAdvisor over a 12-month period.

Friends group to hold meeting

MEMBERS of the Friends of the Montgomery Canal will hold their annual general meeting this weekend.

The meeting will take place on Saturday and will take place at Llandrino Village Hall at 7pm.

Freda Davies from the group said: "Anyone who is interested in the 35-mile long canal, approximately nine miles of it in Shropshire, is very welcome to attend, and be updated with future restoration plans and events."

"The guest speaker will be a representative from the Saturn Fly Boat Society, enthusiasts of a restored horse drawn boat built in 1906, which was used locally to travel fast almost non-stop day and night, and used now for educational purposes and events."

"Free refreshments will be served. Various displays about the Montgomery Canal will be available to view." For more information contact www.montgomerycanal.me.uk

Exhibition at Qube

OSWESTRY Rotary Club's art exhibition in honour of renowned local artist Millicent Kaye will this year take place from June 13 to June 27 at the Qube Gallery on Oswald Road.

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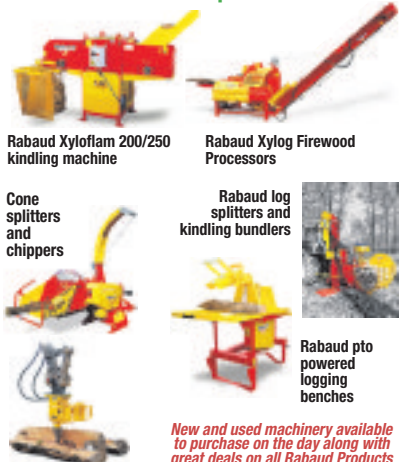
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Swimming star set to visit school's education festival

Report by Sue Austin

OLYMPIC swimmer and Strictly Come Dancing Star Mark Foster will take a trip back to school to inspire the next generation of athletes in Oswestry.

The Marches Academy Trust, which runs The Marches School in Oswestry, will hold a Festival of Education featuring speakers and workshops for industry professionals and students.

The swimmer will join the agenda along with Shaun the Sheep and a seven-foot dinosaur for the events on July 1. Spokesman for The Marches, Adam Howes, said: "As the first of a planned annual event at the school, the festival's aim is to bring together leading educational experts from across the country and inspire debate and discussion amongst industry professionals and students."

Thieves take veteran's war medals

THIEVES struck the home of an army veteran and stole his medals presented for service in Northern Ireland and the Falklands. The veteran's elderly mother, who lives with her son, returned to their home on College Road in Oswestry to find thieves had forced entry to the main door.

The woman, in her 70s, discovered her son's service medals had been taken, as well as a quantity of cash.

The irreplaceable medals had been taken, as well as a quantity of cash. They were engraved with his service number and name, but police say there are no photographs of the medals.

Officers said one of the medals was recovered from a nearby garden and it is thought that the others may have been dumped by thieves as they left the scene.

The burglary took place on May 17 sometime between 9.40am and 3.30pm and the suspects are thought to have left via Shrewsbury Road onto Sycamore Close, heading towards Oswestry town centre.

PC Leanne Pearson, investigating officer, said: "We are pursuing a number of lines of enquiry in relation to this case."

"I am appealing to anyone who may have found or have knowledge of the medals whereabouts."

"The medals cannot be replaced and are very personal to the man who served his country."

"I would also ask that antiques dealers and pawnbrokers be alert to anyone offering them items similar to those described."

Mark Foster competed in five Olympic Games, was crowned world champion six times, European champion 11 times and Commonwealth champion twice and broke world short-course records eight times.

Now a television personality, teachers hope he will give an inspirational talk to students and local swimmers about health and wellbeing while raising awareness of the key role sport can play in the lives of young people.

In 2013, the athlete set up The Mark Foster Swimming Academy to help aspiring young swimmers from the ages of 11 - 17 and as an ambassador of Swim Britain, he has helped to inspire half a million people to swim more often.

Organisers of the event have invited the local swimming group Oswestry Otters to the Festival of Education.

Head coach, Hannah Shepherd, said: "We feel privileged that the Otters will get the chance to meet Mark Foster on the day."

"He will be a huge inspiration to the club's swimmers through what he has achieved in his long, illustrious career."

"Many of our swimmers are ambitious to follow in Mark's footsteps."

Other speakers at the Festival of Education will include lead architect of the Eden Project, Michael Pawlyn and representatives from the Royal Shakespeare Company.

Representatives from the National Space Centre will also attend.

Also at the Festival of Education on July 1 will be representatives from renowned animation studio Aardman Animations and educationalists Professor Mick Waters and Dr Nick Ware.

The Aardman Animations team will lead workshops that will allow pupils to make their own, animated Shaun the Sheep and release a baby T-Rex into the school grounds.

Group gives top quality service



Dial-a-Ride co-ordinator Michelle Kelsall with volunteers Paul Howes and Roy Jones and passenger Alison Scott

VOLUNTEERS and staff at the Oswestry charity, Qube, are celebrating being awarded the Quality Mark Standard by the Community Transport Association.

Qube Dial-A-Ride provides door-to-door transport across Oswestry and northwest Shropshire and the borders, for people who are unable to access private or public transport.

Currently more than 30 drivers and passenger assistants volunteer for the scheme in six fully-accessible minibuses and five community cars.

The Quality Mark Standard is awarded to voluntary organisations that show they comply with legislation and follow best practices set by the industry.

Qube's chief officer, Laurel Roberts said: "We're very proud to have achieved this recognition from the governing body for the sector."

"Dial-A-Ride is a friendly, reliable service and enables many local people to carry on living independent lives. The award is a testament to the hard work, dedication and professionalism of the volunteers and staff involved."

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Can you remember the joy of bringing the car out of the garage and simply going for a drive in the country? For most of us it's a fading memory while for younger drivers it has never been an option.

Because traffic on Britain's roads has reached an all-time high and we have just witnessed one of the busiest Bank Holiday weekends on our roads in living memory.

The result – a gridlock right across the country.

Living on the Shropshire/Powys border, as we do, has many benefits. We are blessed with magnificent countryside and beautiful scenery. But the price we pay for that is that everyone else wants to be here too, and our roads simply can't cope.

Last weekend's May Bank Holiday is traditionally the time for heading for the coast as the first signs of summer emerge. So this weekend's glorious sunshine saw mums, dads, grannies, grandads and all the kids looking for the sun cream and heading for Mid and North Wales in their thousands.

Welshpool and Oswestry are on the main routes to the sea-side and it's no secret that the road network simply can't cope. Welshpool has always been a problem with its bottleneck crossroads holding up traffic in all directions and it seems the new one-way system has done absolutely nothing to improve the situation. Add a Bank Holiday Monday Carnival to the mix and you can imagine the chaos.

Carnival crowds were even treated to the unexpected spectacle of seeing a motorist embarrassingly drive the wrong way down the town's main street which was lined by thousands waiting for the procession. You couldn't make it up.

For Oswestry area motorists the problem was just as bad.

The bypass now means the town centre is free of hold-ups but if you wanted to travel north towards Wrexham it was a nightmare journey with traffic crawling.

Motor manufacturers are now annually producing more cars than before the 2007 recession and fuel prices remain low.

More and more homes have two and sometimes three vehicles in the drive – yet the Government's expenditure on the roads network is nowhere near the level required to keep us on the move.

If you've ever sat in a traffic jam and listened to the radio news bulletins about hold-ups all across the country during peak hours you will know just how bad the situation has become.

And things can only get worse. The population is growing naturally and through immigration and we are told this week that Shropshire will have 40,000 more residents in the next 23 years.



Beautiful baby Ava is making a great recovery after a hospital operation



Mother Rebecca Duffield cares for baby Ava during her hospital stay



Brave Mid Wales girl Ava May Meredith underwent open heart surgery

Brave baby Ava on road to recovery after operation

A special little girl will soon celebrate her first birthday. SALLY WILLIAMS finds out more

AT just a few days old, little Ava May Meredith's life was in severe danger.

But, thanks to the expertise of surgeons, she is on the road to recovery – and preparing for her first birthday.

Now her parents are organising a charity football match to thank the medical team who performed the successful open heart surgery.

First birthdays are always a milestone but for proud parents Tony Meredith and Rebecca Duffield, the celebration on July 28 will mark a significant achievement in their long and traumatic journey to nurture their adorable baby back to full health.

Ava was born with a rare heart condition called Tetralogy of Fallot.

Flow

The condition is a congenital defect that is present at birth and changes the normal flow of blood through the heart.

For baby Ava, it caused a life-threatening lack of oxygen flow that resulted in her occasionally turning blue, which was terrifying for her family to witness.

Rebecca, who lives in Bettws Cedewain in Mid Wales, said: "We were told Ava had a heart murmur after she was born at the Princess Royal Hospital in Telford. "We thought it was the end of the world."

"The hole was at the bottom of her heart."

She added: "Tetralogy of Fallot affects one in 7,000 to 8,000 babies – and apparently the condition can be picked up in pregnancy at some large hospitals where



Ava May Meredith – now like any other fun-loving baby

staff are trained to find it. But it wasn't picked up in my 20-week scan in our rural area."

Rebecca said: "We were terrified to be told the gap could occasionally starve her body of oxygen and were told what to do if that happened."

"They said she would need surgery later in life."

"I started to think, 'have I done something wrong?' 'have we given it to her?'"

"Before Ava's operation at Birmingham Children's Hospital, she had turned blue about four times and she did it for a fifth time when we were in the hospital waiting for her operation."

"It would happen if she got too excited and she couldn't cry for long."

"It resulted in her young life being restricted."

"I couldn't let her out of my sight for

fear that when it happened other people wouldn't know what to do with the beta blockers that were needed to relax it."

"We live in a small rural village where most of the children are healthy, so we were in total shock when we were first told that Ava would need open heart surgery."

Rebecca recalls the agonising wait on January 7, when Ava was taken down to theatre at 3pm at Birmingham Children's Hospital where she was in surgery for six hours.

She later spent 24 hours in intensive care where Rebecca said staff were amazing and gave incredible care.

She said: "The staff gave us the constant reassurance that we needed and Ava was out of intensive care just 24 hours after major surgery and put on a high dependency ward."

"There was a nurse who didn't leave

her side and there were always two cardiac nurses on hand to talk to."

"Ava was doing really well until one Saturday afternoon, when I had fallen asleep and Tony said she was having difficulty breathing."

"It was because fluid had collected around her heart and lungs after surgery so she needed it drained and recovered."

"They literally saved our family and, most importantly, saved our little girl."

"Ava's life would have been severely impaired if she had not had the operation and she would have died."

Rebecca said that Ava is just like any other 10-month-old now – full of fun as learning about the world.

"To see Ava now is amazing," she said. "She is just like any other normal 10-month-old and is coming on leaps and bounds, apart from crawling because her scar is holding her back a bit."

"But as I talk she is playing with her dad's phone and watching the television."

"Ava still needs regular check-ups at Birmingham but we are getting there now. We gave them chocolates and a card to say thank you at the time but we wanted to raise funds for them too so we are organising a football fundraiser."

She added: "We are planning to go out for a family meal on Ava's birthday and to make a book of her life for her, for when she is older."

Tony Meredith is well known in the club football circuit around Mid Wales.

An eleven-a-side football fundraiser for Birmingham Children's Hospital between Team Ava and Team Noah, the son of another well-known local footballer Steve Hole and his partner Jodi, will take place at Latham Park, Newtown, on August 6 from 5pm.

There will be a hog roast, tombola and raffle, plus music and stalls. Adults £5, children free.

People can support the fundraising efforts through www.justgiving.com/Beca-Duffield or email Duffield_rebecca@yahoo.com

WORKING FOR YOU



I spoke in the debate on the 'Gracious Speech' for the first time last Wednesday. I always enjoy the pomp and ceremony which accompanies the Opening of Parliament, especially the glorious sight, smell and sound of the magnificent horses which accompany Her Majesty as she arrives at the Palace of Westminster. But for several reasons, today was first time I've spoken in a Queen's Speech debate. I spoke about the Wales Bill we are expecting to be introduced over the next few weeks.

Though not knowing precisely what will be in the Bill, we can make a pretty good guess at it, because there was the 'Draft Wales Bill' that ran out of steam during the last Parliament. We know the range of powers to be 'reserved' to Westminster will be much reduced from previous proposals. We also know that the 'Necessity tests', which caused so much concern, have been totally removed. So there is more chance of agreement.

On Wednesday I spoke about vesting in the Welsh Government the responsibility to levy a significant proportion of Income Tax. For me this is fundamental. My strong views on this issue were developed when I served as Conservative Finance Spokesman in the National Assembly for Wales more than ten years ago. We used to have what was termed the annual budget process. But it was not a budget at all. It was no more than an annual spending plan. A budget involves consideration of both sides of the ledger – how Government money is raised as well as how it is spent.

The key line in my speech was "If devolution of Income Tax is not included in the Wales Bill, it deserves to fail. It deserves to be rejected. Without the inclusion of a responsibility placed on the Wales Government to levy a significant proportion of Income Tax, not one iota of extra power should be devolved"

Though some of most contentious proposals in the Draft Wales Bill have been removed, there remain potential areas for disagreement. How is the small but growing body of Welsh law to be formally considered? Do we need a separate Welsh Jurisdiction? Should policing be devolved along with other emergency services such as ambulance and fire services? Should we consider devolution of broadcasting? There is plenty of potential for disagreement.

Taking a Wales Bill through the House will not be easy. A big challenge for new Secretary of State for Wales, Alun Cairns. It will need a willingness to compromise on all sides, and a genuine desire to take devolution forwards. I hope I can play a part in that.

Glyn Davies
Montgomeryshire MP

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Letters

Let's be masters of our own future

THE Government is spending around £9.3 million on a pamphlet sent to every house in aid of the stay in campaign for the referendum.

This I believe to be misuse of public money.

Far better to be spent on the disabled.

One of the reasons the Government is working with hands tied behind their back on the steel industry is the EU rules that we abide by but other countries just pay lip service to.

Also, another 20-plus EU court judges have been appointed; guess how these will be used?

There are many reasons we need to use our once-only vote to leave the EU.

The main thing to remember that whatever was agreed there will be more moves towards federalism and we will never be our own masters to make our own decisions about anything should we vote to stay in.

I am led to believe that before the voting day new figures will be released about immigration (remember what the Archbishop of Canterbury said) which will also show the figure of new National Insurance numbers issued to people entering the UK which will probably be an eye opener to people.

It may well show how we have been fooled by wrong statistics over the years by both governments.

Read more and don't be fooled by the alarmists: we will survive and I believe achieve greater prosperity in the long run having thrown of the shackles of the bloated EU.

Remember, as well, it is so corrupt a gravy train for failed politicians that its accounts have not been audited and passed for more years than I can remember.

DAVE BARNETT
Arleston
Telford

Spend less on propping up Europe and let the UK prosper

I FEEL desperately sad and sorry for people like John Gemmell from Wem (Letters, May 19). He seems to blame every one but his ilk for our problems and not the EU. It is plain to most people that if we spent less on propping up failing Euro member countries via our massive £350 million per week donation to this unregistered charity we could spend more at home improving services.

He states that we are not part of the Schengen agreement nor the Euro. The former may be true in the short term but cannot be guaranteed as our vetoes in the EU parliament are not considered valid. The latter point about never joining the Euro is actually the next move for Dave and his cronies. The ignorance shown on this point is astounding, with the recent news of the Deutsche bank's takeover of our stock exchange. With a 54.5 per cent share this gives them full control over the stock market which has been confirmed, with trading figures produced in the ubiquitous Euro. The spending he refers to on policing and essential services have been cut, cut and cut again to feed cash into an increasingly voracious beast called the EU.

This is why we have cuts to all local and national public services at the expense of our own people. He sums up with a typically selfish viewpoint that he struggles to see how the EU has had any personal effect on him.

I suspect he is one of Dave's elite and can afford private health care.

NORMAN PORCHER
Oswestry

Just give us the clear facts

THE Brexit campaign should not be about which side has the most disposable income to waste in trying to influence a nation ignorant of the subject or the right choice to make.

All we, the public, need are straight, clear and honest facts about the pros and cons of our given decision. This campaign shouldn't be about political parties taking opposing sides.

We will all be affected as one when the choice to stay or leave is made. As charismatic as he may be, this campaign doesn't need to see Boris Johnson on our screens eating ice cream and pulling pints – it's not about him or his politics or any other individual politician. This campaign should be about clarity and pulling together as a nation and making the right choice for the entire nation, rich or poor. Begging for money to be wasted in this manner, when so many of us and our public services are feeling the pinch, is insensitive.

I would rather see these huge resources being donated to our junior doctors or other such worthy causes. It's about time everyone in politics stopped thinking so selfishly and narrow-mindedly and started to really consider the nation as a whole rather than just lots of political pockets.

LORRAINE ASHLEY
Oswestry

Image captures outdoor market in all its glory



Markets have been an important part of the community and life of Oswestry for generations and it was not that long ago that every outdoor market on the Bailey Head would be packed with customers and traders. Shopping habits may have changed but Oswestry is still proud of its markets. This image from 1984 shows the outdoor market in all its glory.

Our country can be great again without this union

DAD'S Army and Home Fires are now on TV, both fictional. One a farce, but both in their own ways showed the UK virtually under siege, yet still fighting and managing at home and away, under extreme circumstances. We survived, many battered and bruised, many dead. Where was Europe then? Our little country was out there, not only defending ourselves, but much of Europe and fighting the rest of it. Countries with so much more than us, in many ways, yet we held them to account, while supporting those, who had to submit to the greater power of the European countries.

Yes it may well be rough for a time, but the Great can and will be reborn, in the words and full meaning of Great Britain. We may not rule the world, but we will rule ourselves and thrive on it, as we shake off the weight the huge, cumbersome, over-regulated EU has become. We no longer have a level playing field, but a poorly maintained five-a-side court, with far too many referees, umpires, rule books and bosses.

B A FLOWERS
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Keep distance from scammers

RECENT advice advises motorists to be on their guard for 'crash for cash scammers' whereby the car in front brakes sharply for no apparent reason only to be hit by the car behind with subsequent arguments over culpability and compensation often with menacing behaviour.

The easy way to avoid being tricked is to follow the guidelines of the Institute of Advanced Motorists and keep well back from the car in front.

JON LAKIN
Shrewsbury

Let's take over the EU and run it the proper way

IN the late 1940s and well into the 1950s the country was awash with refugees (they were then called displaced persons) from all over Europe.

Did our parents and grandparents moan about them or complain that they were around and possibly having some of their rations while most things were in shortage? No, they just knuckled down and got on with the rebuilding of a devastated country and economy.

If you want to live in an impoverished country, inward looking, led by the narrow minded and xenophobic and with no real ambition, then vote to leave the EU, because make no mistake about it that's what an exit will lead to. If you want to put the Great back into Great Britain then vote to stay in and let's take it over and lead and run the EU as it should be run.

Since when did we, as a country wave white flags and run for cover just because things got disagreeable and a bit rough and tough?

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Heart screening for youngsters

A STEADY stream of young people arrived at Adcote School at Little Ness near Oswestry for a recent heart screening event.

The free heart test was funded by the charity Cardiac Risk in the Young in memory of Matthew Dewhurst from St Martins near Oswestry who died suddenly in 2012 aged 17 of an undetected heart condition. Every week in the UK at least 12 apparently fit and healthy young people die of undiagnosed heart conditions.

The participants, who had pre-registered online, were mostly aged 14 – 35 and Dr Alexandros Steriotis, clinical researcher for cardiomyopathy at St Barts in London and his staff of three technicians were kept busy conducting the ECG screenings and analysing the results.

Some of the young people then had a further test.

Out of the 206 participants, two were referred back to their GPs for further testing. Also present was operations manager for the charity, Ralph Knocks.

Music and floral festival at church

A MUSIC and flower festival organised by an Oswestry church will be taking place later this month.

Our Lady and St Oswald's Catholic Church will host the festival during the weekend of June 10 to 12.

Starting on the Friday, the flower show will kick off the proceedings between 11am to 4pm, ahead of a service during the evening.

On the Saturday, the flower show will continue between 10am to 1.30pm, before a concert of classical music by KMD Ensemble between 2.30pm to 4pm. The weekend will round up on the Sunday, with the flower show taking place between 1pm and 3pm, before a performance by the Pilgrim Troupe, between 3.30pm to 5pm, finishes off the festival.

Project will 'transform our hospital', says boss

Report by Sally Williams

A NEW multi-million pound world-class theatre will transform Oswestry's Orthopaedic Hospital, according to its chief executive.

Mark Brandreth said the new theatres and ward development should be fully operational in early November, with some of the first patients likely to be admitted at the start of August.

Mr Brandreth said he was looking forward to the July 18 handover date for the £15.1 million development, which includes four new clean-air theatres, a high dependency unit, an admission on day of surgery unit, and a new dedicated bone cancer centre.

"The theatre will be beautiful, it will transform us," he told the board of directors.

"Our environment will match our care. And on July 18, we will have the chance to see it in all its glory. This has been long awaited and we anticipate admitting our first patients on August 1."

Bev Tabernacle, the hospital's director of nursing, said: "We had notification of a five-week delay and we have been undertaking work-top exercises for staff to make sure everything is fit for purpose."

"The theatre is complete and we can already look at some finished areas and get an idea of what it will look like."

"Things are in place for the final month but there is a lot of work to do."

Craig Macbeth, director of finance said: "We are quite close to the wire in terms of the contract so we need to keep a watch out for any additional costs."

People can keep up-to-date with the progression of the development by using the dedicated viewing area and artists impressions located on the site boundary.

Young farmers hand over cheque



Members of the young farmers' group hand over the cheque to Victoria Sugden

YOUNG farmers have been doing their bit to help out Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital.

The hospital's League of Friends group recently welcomed the Young Farmers of Whittington and Oswestry to the hospital where a cheque for £530 was handed over.

League of Friends manager Victoria

Sugden received the cheque. The funds were raised through a variety of events including carol signing and a Christmas raffle. Louise Charmley from the young farmers' group said: "Having been a patient and many of us having relatives who have been treated at the hospital we just wanted to give something back. We

hope to be able to raise more money throughout the year."

Victoria Sugden said: "We are truly grateful to the young farmers for supporting our work. Last year we spent £120,000 on medical equipment and facilities around the hospital, we want to spend even more in 2016."

Reminder is given to sign up to new messageline

THE public is being reminded to join a free police community messaging system being piloted in Welshpool in a bid to combat anti-social behaviour.

It comes after people left fast food leftovers at Welshpool railway station and needles and drug paraphernalia were dumped near a playground in the town.

Town Clerk Robert Robinson is calling on people living in the town and surrounding areas to report any anti-social behaviour to a new messaging system operated by Welshpool Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Mr Robinson said: "We know there are a dozen youths drinking alcohol and moving around the town which can be intimidating for people. They get drunk from cans and throw them. We are calling for a public order to combat it. We want to hear about any other problems too. The litter at Welshpool Railway Station can give the town a bad image, with discarded cans, cigarettes and fast food."

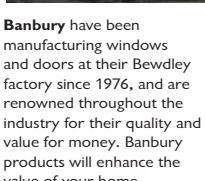
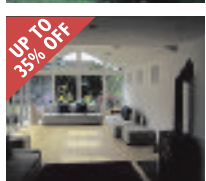
"So we are going to pop a couple of extra litter bins there. But we are no different in this respect to any other town. There always seems to be an element who drop litter and expect others to pick it up but the county council won't do this any more. We will be gathering evidence of anti-social behaviour in the town from June 20 to July 7."

"When signing up to the scheme, individuals can choose what type of information they want to receive, if they want to have texts or emails and what area they are interested in hearing about. We will have a phone number to ring or people can call into the Tourist Information Centre. Residents contacting the police has been the only method of recording problems but not everyone likes to call them."

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Funding to help improve road links

COMMUNITIES across Mid Wales will benefit from £5 million funding to improve flood prevention, transport links and lighting.

Powys County Council's cabinet has agreed that Montgomeryshire will benefit from a £1.7 million boost to its highways and transport infrastructure over the next 12 months which will include £500,000 on filling pot-holes and the structural maintenance of roads.

The TrawsCymru T4 Newtown to Cardiff bus route will receive £420,000, the Welshpool flood alleviation works will get £133,000 and £150,000 will go on bridge strengthening on the B4393 at Llandrinio, a vital transport link between Welshpool and Shrewsbury.

Councillor John Brunt, cabinet member for highways, said: "This capital investment will be targeted and prioritised to maximise its effectiveness."

"Given the continued revenue budget pressures, there are still significant challenges in maintaining the highway network."

"We are also delighted to have secured £0.77m of additional funding from Welsh Government."

Advice given on vote arrangements

VOTERS in Mid Wales do not need to re-register to vote in June's EU Referendum, Powys County Council has said.

Anyone who was already registered to vote or recently registered for the elections that took place across Powys on May 5 will also be registered to vote at the EU Referendum and will be able to cast their vote, if they are eligible to do so.

Eclectic store's mix of services just the ticket

WE MEAN BUSINESS

THE Chronicle's We Mean Business campaign celebrates Oswestry businesses. This week we celebrate Rowanorthorn in Old Chapel Court.

Owner Mike Coppock said: "Rowanorthorn is an eclectic gift and clothing shop."

"Visit Rowanorthorn and browse our lovely shop for Himalayan salt lamps, Fair Trade gifts, men's and women's clothing from India, Nepal, Mexico, Guatemala and Afghanistan. A large amount of our products is Fair Trade, using respected and established Fair Trade suppliers. We sell ethnic and Italian clothing, scarves, unusual gifts, a large selection of incense, henna tattoo paste, religious icons and so much more."

"Rowanorthorn also offers a free service as a ticket office for local events in and around Oswestry. This is a community service, providing a central location in the town for selling tickets for any sort of ticketed event."

"If you are a local event promoter, contact us about selling your tickets for you."

Mr Coppock said he was currently promoting a visit by Heritage Opera, north west England's professional touring opera company, to Oswestry. The company will be staging Puccini's La Boheme at The Marches School on July 31. Gates open for picnics in the grounds from 4.30pm and the opera starts at 6pm. Contact Rowanorthorn on (01691) 238227 or www.rowanorthorn.co.uk/events for more details.



Mike Coppock from Rowanorthorn in Old Chapel Court in Oswestry

NEWS IN BRIEF

Regular blues club to start in pub

A NEW regular blues club is starting in an Oswestry pub.

The Bailey Blues Club will take place at the Bailey Head pub on Bailey Head on the second Thursday of each month.

Entry is free but a hat collection will be taken to fund special events.

The blues club is open to people who would like to play or listen or both.

Organisers say the event will provide a mixture of blues music from souped up to slowed down and laid back.

And singers, guitarists, bassists, drummers, harmonica players, keyboard players, or similar are welcome to get involved in the night.

New to the area owners of the Bailey Head, Grace Goodlad and Duncan Borrowman, say they promise a warm welcome with their speciality beers.

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The first session is on Thursday next week and starts at 8.30pm.

Housing firm to host open days

A PROMOTIONAL event is to be held at a Llanymynech housing development.

Galliers Homes is hosting the open days at their Elm Tree Park site in Ashfield Terrace on Saturday and Sunday. A sales advisor will be available at the show home from 11am until 3pm on those days to discuss the range of properties on the market and incentives such as part exchange. Only five four-bedroom homes now remain for sale at Elm Tree Park, which is located on the edge of the village and has superb views of the surrounding countryside. The detached houses have an ensuite master bedroom, double garage and stylish kitchen.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Authority gives dementia vow

A COUNCIL says its commitment to those living with dementia has been strengthened with the publishing of a new key document.

Powys County Council has published a Dementia Mission Statement which outlines what the council aims to achieve and how it will do this.

The mission statement was formally adopted at a recent meeting of the full council.

Councillor Dawn Bailey, the council's dementia champion, said: "We are delighted to launch the mission statement."

"Our aim is that our council, through the services delivered, becomes a council that supports and enables people living with dementia, their carers and families to live well."

The councillor added: "We recognise the role we play in meeting this challenge and look forward to working with our communities, partners and volunteer groups to make our vision a reality."

Sports event was a huge success

ORGANISERS have been hailing the first Powis Trail 10k as an overwhelming success and said it could be the first of many similar events to come.

Hundreds of people took part and supported the fun run.

The event was organised by the Dolly Mixtures Ladies Running Club who have helped more than 200 local women change their lifestyle in recent years.

But the recent event was not just for the ladies, with men and children taking on the hilly challenge in glorious weather.

"We only have a limited number of events in Welshpool, so it was lovely to be able to host this race as a family event," said Sharon Davies, founder of the Dolly Mixtures.

New drink is an Offa not to be missed says lolo

Report by Sally Williams

WILDLIFE celebrity lolo Williams pulled the first pint of Best Offa - a new beer from Mid Wales brewed especially to quench the thirst of ramblers walking the length of Offa's Dyke.

The new official beer for the Offa's Dyke National Path Trail has been specially brewed by Monty's Brewery, based in Hendomen, near Montgomery and can be sampled less than a mile from where it is made at Monty's Brewery Visitor Centre at The Cottage in Montgomery.

Monty's Brewery now has a trademark licence agreement to use the acorn and National Trail name and to be the official beer for the trail for the next three years. In return, the trail will get a donation from every pint and bottle sold to help towards the maintenance of the historic dyke and website promotion.

Monty's Brewery will be marketing the beer along the entire 177 miles of the trail, from Chepstow in the south to Prestatyn in the north. The path goes through the Welshpool and Oswestry areas.

lolo said: "Walking tourism is so important for this area so I'm pleased to see this collaboration between the Offa's Dyke National Path Trail and a local business. Monty's Brewery is putting the local area on the map and I wish every success for Best Offa and I look forward to seeing it in pubs and shops along the length of the trail."

Russ Honeyman, of Monty's Brewery, said: "It's great to be a part of this. We were really pleased to be asked by the Offa's Dyke Path National Trail, especially with Montgomery just getting Walkers Welcome status."



lolo Williams, Offa's Dyke Path national trail officer Rob Dingle and Pam Honeyman from the brewery

Pilot scheme sees group's hours alter

A DRUG and alcohol support charity will be opening its doors on Saturdays from this month as part of a new pilot programme aimed at those who can't make weekdays due to work commitments.

Kaleidoscope is running the pilot scheme, in a bid to provide access for people in work who can't get to their services during the week.

The charity is based at The Armoury in Welshpool and Severn House, Severn Square in Newtown.

Barry Eveleigh, Powys regional manager, said: "Although we try to be as flexible as possible with our opening times, we realise that there are some people who can't make it into our offices during the evening."

"People have things to do after work such as preparing meals or spending time with their children."

"We want to make our services as accessible as possible."

The Saturday service is a pilot scheme, running for 12 weeks, to see if there is a demand for opening at the weekend.

Initially it will be a limited service offering responses to telephone inquiries and referrals.

Free tastings on offer at vineyard

IN celebration of English and Welsh wine week, Kerry Vale Vineyard is offering free wine tasting.

Free tastings will be available until Sunday at the vineyard's wine cafe, three miles from Montgomery. Customers will be able to sample six Kerry Vale Vineyard wines with every meal purchased. Julia Trustram Eve, marketing director at English Wine Producers, said: "English wines have really captured people's attention."

"The momentum has really been gathering and 2016 looks set to be an eventful one for English wine."

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Legends get together at bike festival

A GUEST of honour at a sporting event will be reunited with another legend.

Llangollen International Motorcycle Festival guest of honour Giacomo 'Ago' Agostini will be reunited with George Formby and his 'TT'-winning Shuttleworth Snap, stars of the 1935 comedy classic film No Limit.

George Formby is played by race fan Graeme Hardy in a tribute act that includes a replica of Formby's homemade racer. Just like George, Graeme strums the ukulele and sings a range of classic songs, including Riding at the TT Races.

LlanBikeFest co-organiser John Hutchinson said: "Graeme will be performing his brilliant tribute to George Formby both days.

"And as a passionate road racing fan in real life, he's looking forward to teaming up with Agostini again, after they met at the Spa circuit in Belgium."

With an unbeaten record of 122 Grand Prix wins and 15 World Championships titles, Ago is flying in especially from his Italian home to spend the weekend at the festival meeting fans, judging competitions and providing opportunities for autographs and photos.

LlanBikeFest 2016 will build on the successful festival last year, which starred Carl Fogarty and Mick Grant, and attracted more than 6,000 visitors. Held at the town's Pavilion it's set amid some of Britain's best biking roads.

It will take place on July 23-24.

Follow the event on Twitter at @llanbikfest and Facebook at Llangollen International Motorcycle Festival.

Day tickets are £10 on the gate or on-line at www.llanbikfest.co.uk with concessions, or contact the festival office at 07960 693398, office@llanbikfest.co.uk

Fish studies for youngsters

CHILDREN from Llansilin and Llanrhaeadr schools joined more than 1,000 organisations from around the world to help celebrate World Fish Migration Day.

Activity days at the two village primary schools saw pupils learn about fly fishing, have fun dipping for real fly larva in the river and then find out how this can be used to help detect pollution. The activity days at the schools were organised by the Severn Rivers Trust and Close Encounters with Nature, with help from the RSPB and the Upper Tanat Fishing Club. One of the organisers, Lisa Barlow from the Severn Rivers Trust, said the children discovered the importance of their local rivers for the migration of species such as the salmon. The RSPB also talked to the children about water friendly farming and how land can be managed in harmony with the river environment. Fish streamer flags, made in the Japanese tradition and known as koinobori, were also created by the children.

This work is all part of the Severn Rivers Trust Big Lottery People and Places funded Monty Rivers Project.

The trust is an independent environmental charity established to secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of the rivers, streams, watercourses and water impoundments in the Severn catchment.

Homes praised for level of care

TWO care homes have been praised for delivering a "good" standard of care.

The Care Quality Commission said New Fairholme in Oswestry and Crowmoor House in Shrewsbury, which are both run by not-for-profit firm Coverage Care Services, received the rating after unannounced visits in February.

The inspectors made their findings after speaking to residents, staff and relatives and viewing the day-to-day operation of each home.

New Fairholme, in Shrewsbury Road, caters for 88 people with dementia and physical needs.

Crowmoor House in Monkmoor is home to up to 57 people with dementia, mental health issues or learning disabilities.

The performance of each home was assessed against a national framework that measures service performance.

Each was judged as good in the five key areas that state whether homes are safe, effective, caring, responsive and well-led.

College to host another summer family fun day



Pam Evans and Gwen Jones, receptionists at the Oswestry campus, with the raffle prizes

A POPULAR sports and fun day will be held in Oswestry this weekend.

North Shropshire College will be holding its football festival and family fun day. The festival will be held at the college's Oswestry campus on Sunday. The Shropshire FA will be holding a football tournament from 11am to 2pm. The event at the college campus is open from 10am to 2pm. The football festival and

family fun day will be raising money for Severn Hospice in memory of Geoff Farr, a former tutor at the college.

College spokesman Joseph Edwards said: "There will be many activities returning this year such as the Walford Campus Exotics and traditional sports. Also the college's training restaurant, Scholars, will be holding a pop-up restaurant. Students from the Derwen College

will be bringing their market stall, which was a big hit at Walford campus's spring lambing day in March.

"There will be live music all day, a barbecue, face painting, craft stalls, a bouncy castle and a treasure hunt plus more to be confirmed."

As part of the event there will be a raffle. Prizes have been donated from staff members, members of the public and the TNS Foun-



Chloe and Bethany Jones enjoyed one of the craft stands at the festival last year

dation. Star prizes include a Tassimo coffee maker and a signed shirt by the TNS football team.

Raffle tickets are available to buy from the Oswestry Campus reception and will be available to buy throughout the event day also. This will be the second year the family fun day has run alongside Shropshire FA's Under 8s and Under 10s football tournament.

Talented artists capture their town to the letter



Jamie Fugill, Ish Rashid and Zack Morgan admire the artwork



Grace Griffith and Charlotte Howel with an image depicting the Cambrian Railways building

Report by Sue Austin

FROM Ardmillan House to Zion Chapel, Barbara Pym to Wilfred Owen, Oswestry residents have seen the people and places that they love included in a very special art project.

Alphabet for Oswestry has culminated in an exhibition of 26 pieces of art, which represent each letter of the alphabet and what it stands for in the town.

It is the result of three years of work that began when local artists got together with the idea.

More than 1,400 votes were cast in a ballot asking the community what each letter meant to them and then creative co-directors, Bob Knowles and Jood Gough asked 26 artists to illustrate a particular letter.

The exhibition is currently on display at The Marches School where one of the organisers and artist Anita Wyatt is also student support co-ordinator in the sixth form. "We had 200 people at the opening of the exhibition, it is wonderful to have this major exhibition within the school," she said.

She was given the letter Q for the Queens Building, which was once a coaching inn and a well known hotel and used a meticulous collage technique to produce her artwork. Another hostelry, popular with young people today, was used to represent the letter X, the Ex-Serviceman's Club.

Sixth form student, 18-year-old Jamie Fugill, said: "The 'Exie' is a big part of our social life and its great to see it as part of the Oswestry alphabet."

For more information and to view the artwork people should visit www.oswestry-civicsociety.org.uk.



Y is for Youth in the Oswestry Alphabet



Anita Wyatt with her painting of the Queens Building

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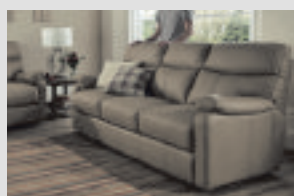
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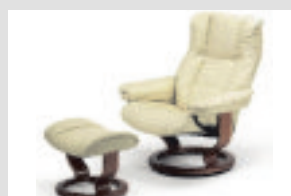
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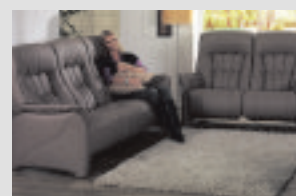
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Meeting set to highlight hillfort plans

OSWESTRY'S cultural assets will be the focus of a meeting organised by campaigners concerned about housing plans near an Iron Age hillfort.

The meeting organised by the Hands Off Old Oswestry Hillfort (HOOOH) community group will take place on June 11 at the Hermon Chapel Arts Centre in Oswestry.

Last December Shropshire Council approved a housing development, known as OSW004, near the hillfort in the authority's SAMDev local plan.

The OSW004 plans would see 117 homes built on land off Whittington Road in Oswestry.

Campaigners say the new homes would affect the setting of the hillfort and views to and from the monument.

Kate Clarke, spokeswoman for HOOOH, said: "We will be updating members on current initiatives, one of which is networking with other groups and stakeholders on the potential to promote Oswestry's heritage gateway."

She said the group is continuing their legacy to protect and promote the hillfort and its landscape as the hub of the heritage gateway.

The meeting will also hear about illustrator and archaeologist, John Swogger, who is embarking on a new project, facilitated by HOOOH, that aims to tell Old Oswestry's story like never before.

"With input from local stakeholder groups, he is creating a series of comic strips exploring different aspects of the hillfort's history and Oswestry's heritage gateway, and wider links with the town's heritage transport and green corridor," said Kate.

The meeting will take place between 2pm and 4pm.

Homes ruling to hit council

A COURT of Appeal ruling could lead to Shropshire losing millions of pounds towards the construction of affordable homes.

Councillor Mal Price, Shropshire Council's cabinet member for planning, says that a ruling, which supports Government policy on affordable homes developments, will have significant consequences for the county.

The Court of Appeal decision means that developers building sites made up of 10 homes or fewer will no longer have to pay an affordable homes contribution.

Councillor Price said: "Looking at the schemes we have we will lose several million pounds on affordable homes use."

However, the matter has been complicated after Shropshire Council was given notification that it had been successful in a bid to have several areas of the county officially designated as "rural".

The status means that in areas listed as rural the affordable homes levy can be applied on developments of more than five homes.

Councillor Price said: "We have taken legal advice and have decided as an authority we will go with the judgement and anyone coming forward for schemes with 10 or less will not normally be expected to pay the affordable housing levy, although some circumstances may change that."

MP welcomes new job figures

GLYN Davies, Conservative MP for Montgomeryshire, has welcomed latest unemployment figures which show that unemployment is continuing to fall within his constituency.

The Office of National Statistics have released figures which show that in April, the number of claimant's for Job Seekers Allowance in Montgomeryshire was 418, representing just 1.4 per cent of the economically active population. The number of claimants is 60 lower than in March, and 73 lower than in April 2015.

There were also 115 claimants aged 18-24 within the constituency, 15 lower than April 2015.

Mr Davies said: "The astonishingly low unemployment figures in Montgomeryshire are continuing, as are the striking high levels of employment."

"Montgomeryshire remains the constituency with the lowest rate of unemployment in Wales, continuing the remarkable trend we have seen within the constituency since 2010."

Love is the simple secret, say Isobel and Gwilym



Isobel and Gwilym Tibbott have celebrated being married for 65 years

ISOBEL and Gwilym Tibbott have been married for 65 years and say their recipe for a good marriage is simple – they love each other.

The couple from Llangynog have lived in the village all their lives, and still play a huge part in the community.

They married in the village church in 1951

and went on to have two sons, Anthony and Leslie, and a daughter, Yvonne.

They also have eight grandchildren.

Mr Tibbott was a quarry worker who had to travel to Criggion between Oswestry and Welshpool every day. When he retired he joined Powys County Council and he is still a member

of the Llangynog Community Council to this day – a body he has been on for 40 years.

Both Mr and Mrs Tibbott have been involved in many organisations in the village with Mr Tibbott awarded the MBE for his service to the area.

They are still very involved in the Llangynog



The loving couple married in their village church in 1951

Bowling Club. Mrs Tibbott said it wasn't difficult to explain why their marriage had been a success.

"We still love each other as much today as we did when we first met," she said.

They celebrated their anniversary with a party in the village hall.

College students prepare for major art exhibition



Matthew Roberts and Jasnet Cook producing a stop motion film



Students with samples of their work, from left, Georgia Llewellyn, Anna Chester and Dave Bailey

Report by Naomi Penrose

STUDENTS at North Shropshire College in Oswestry are preparing to show off their art work at their final year art show.

Second year students on the college's BTEC Level 3 interactive media qualification are approaching their end of year assessments.

Students in their final year will have their work put into the final year art show where it will be on public display.

The qualification covers multiple art disciplines such as graphic design, art, photography, video technology, games design, web design and animation.

Second year students are currently working on their final year major project.

The students have chosen a discipline to specialise in after working in a variety of disciplines over the past two years.

The work the students are producing will be exhibited at the art show in June and many students will be moving onto study one of the disciplines at university.

Maninder Padam, graphic design lecturer, said: "I am proud the students have exceeded their skills and are now confident practitioners."

"I'm looking forward to presenting their work at the end of year show."

The first year students are currently completing the graphic design unit after finishing the stop motion component of the qualification.

In the students' second year, they will be doing the film unit, web design and graphic design and choose a discipline to specialise in for the final art show.

The final year art show will be opening to the public on June 13 at 5pm.

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Luke Evans producing a 3D head out of plasticine



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Author urges youngsters to join library

A CHILDREN'S author has been encouraging primary school pupils to join their local library.

Andy Briggs, famous for the Tarzan book series, visited venues in Mid Wales to talk to pupils about his new book and to encourage Year Four pupils to join their local library as part of the Welsh Government's Every Child a Library Member campaign.

The author met pupils as part of the national campaign in Wales that has encouraged 68,000 school pupils to join their local library over the last three years.

The campaign, which is supported by Powys County Council's library service, has seen more than 4,200 pupils in the county invited to join their local library and enjoy the benefits of reading.

Liverpool-born Andy, who is also a screenwriter and producer, also spoke to pupils about his new, fast-paced adventure series, *The Inventory*: Ironfist, which is packed with high-tech thrills.

"If I were to compare this to other children's books, I would say it was like *Alex Rider* with gadgets and with the humour of *Artemis Fowl*," Andy said.

"The adventure starts when security is catastrophically breached by a ruthless gang of thieves working for the Collector and the Shadow Helix organization.

"If the thieves succeed in their goal to seize the Iron Fist, Dev, his friends, and the world are in a whole heap of trouble," he added.

Trish Thomas, children's librarian at Powys County Council, said: "Andy Briggs is a wonderfully energetic and engaging person and this comes across in his writing. We are so pleased to have him here again to help us promote library membership."

College helps out with travel

A COLLEGE has said it will continue to provide free transport on selected routes for the 2016/17 academic year.

Travel will remain free for North Shropshire College students travelling on the college's bus routes from Ruabon to the Oswestry campus, Whitchurch to the Oswestry campus and Ellesmere to the Walford campus travel will remain free.

On other college bus routes, assistance with the cost of travel is available, for students who are eligible to apply to the college bursary fund.

Jackie Doodson, principal of the college, said: "Accessing local education and training can often be a challenge for some of our young people due to the high costs of travel.

"We have decided to offer free travel on some selected routes to enable the young people of North Shropshire and North Wales to access education and training at their local college."

For more information about transport to North Shropshire College, call estates manager David Candlin on (01691) 688004 or email d.candlin@nsc.ac.uk For more information and a full list of routes, go to www.nsc.ac.uk/student-services/student-transport. For information about the college bursary fund, go to www.nsc.ac.uk/student-services/financial-support-available.

Fire crews learn about drone use

FIRE crews from Mid Wales have been in Copenhagen to learn about how drones can deal with emergencies.

Mid & West Wales Fire and Rescue Service said it was successful in its application to join a pilot test programme designed to understand and evaluate the use of remotely piloted aircraft systems or unmanned aerial vehicles in civil protection and first responder scenarios. The objective of the programme is to learn how such technology can assist in different scenarios and in different environments such as urban, rural, mountainous, forest and "over-water" conditions.

Chris Davies, chief fire officer for the Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service, said: "The service has used UAVs for some time and have seen the positive impact the technology can provide in certain incident types. Working with key organisations and other blue light services from around Europe will allow us to share our experiences as well as gain a better insight into other potential areas of use."

Village team looks back on Welsh Cup heroics



Former Llansantffraid keeper Andrew Mulliner and Graham Breeze at the 10-year celebrations

THEY were the Welsh Leicester City. The players from the little village of Llansantffraid near Oswestry travelled to the Welsh National Stadium in Cardiff to take on the might of Barry Town – and won.

The game propelled Llansantffraid into Europe, something that the club and its supporters could never have dreamt of, particularly as five years before it was in danger of folding.

The 20th anniversary of the historic match for the Welsh village and a new start for football there was recently celebrated.

Manager at the time, Graham Breeze, said it was the best moment of his footballing life.

"It was the first year that the likes of Cardiff, Swansea and Wrexham were barred from playing in the Welsh Cup because they were in the English League," Mr Breeze, a former



Graham Breeze and Tomi Morgan pictured before the big cup final in 1996

editor of the Oswestry and Border Chronicle, said. "We reached the final and were up against Barry Town, that year's league champions. It was the biggest game we had ever played and it was incredible to be at the National Stadium."

In a nail biting final the result after extra time was 3-3.

"We would score then Barry would pull one back and so it went on. The penalties were

nerve-wracking but we won, 4-2 I think," Mr Breeze said. "I shall never forget that game, nor the celebrations after."

The win saw Llansantffraid draw a Polish team in the qualifying rounds of the Cup Winners Cup.

"We had a great draw when we played them 'at home' at the Racecourse Ground, Wrexham, but then lost in Poland," he added.

Youngsters given chance to show off marketing skills



Devon Gregory, 16, from North Shropshire College's soft toy tombola with Michelle Westwood and her twins, Auroro and Isabelle



Marches School student Isobel Alefounder, Oswestry Mayor Paul Milner and student Niall Dennehy

Report by Sue Austin

IT could have been a scene from *The Apprentice*, stalls set up in a market town all vying for business from shoppers selling everything from pre-loved clothing and crafts to photographs to popcorn.

Instead young stallholders in Oswestry were gaining business experience and raising funds for good causes.

Students from North Shropshire College and the Marches School took part in the youth market as part of the national Love Your Local Market week. It was a chance for the pupils on the 'eco-committee' at the Marches School to take their message out to the community. As part of their bid to see The Marches named an eco-school they are raising funds for a solar dome outdoor classroom to be built on a disused piece of land next to the school. They sold seeds and slate notice boards, raising £100. The project has been launched in conjunction with Shropshire Wildlife Trust, Tesni Homes and the Carbon Zero Group.

Business students from North Shropshire College ran a number of stalls as part of their Nest – Nurturing, Enterprise, Spirit and Talent – business.

All profits from Nest, are going to the Make a Wish Foundation.

Sarah Probert, head of business studies, said the students were working with the local community.

"At Christmas they organised pop-up stalls for retailers from the edge of town to take their businesses into the town centre," she said.

Scholars Restaurant, based at the college, also had a stall on the youth market.



Alex Griffiths and Rebecca Willmott from Scholars



Molly Mackensie, 16, and Jan-Marie Briones, 17, with their preloved stall

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Hundreds of people pack the streets of Newtown on carnival day to enjoy the community festivities



Carnival day in Newtown always provides plenty of colour and entertainment

Carnival fever set to hit town

HUNDREDS of people are expected to take to the streets of Newtown for its annual carnival.

Newtown Carnival is being held on Saturday, June 11 this year.

And if previous years are anything to go by, visitors can expect a day packed full of fun for the whole family.

The carnival is a highlight in the social calendar for many and in previous years the

Report by Naomi Penrose

streets of the town have been lined by hundreds of people keen to see the carnival procession pass through the town.

Whether it is carnival day or not, the town of Newtown is a great place to visit and to shop.

Lying on the River Severn, within the historic boundaries of Montgomeryshire, the town is the largest in Powys.

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independent traders, Newtown offers shopping and services for to meet all your needs.

Newtown is best known as the birthplace of Robert Owen in 1771.

His former house stood on what is now the site of the HSBC Bank.

The Robert Owen Museum is across the road, occupying the ground floor of the council offices.

Newtown has a fascinating history. The town grew in the 18th and 19th centu-

ries around the textile and flannel industry, stimulated by the completion of the Montgomeryshire Canal. In 1838, the town saw Wales' first Chartist demonstration.

Newtown is also a perfect place for a day or evening out.

It is the home of Theatr Hafren and of Oriel Davies, a major public gallery, which displays national and international contemporary art and craft.

Hafren, the town's entertainment, attracts

acts and performers from around the world. The venue takes pride in its eclectic mix of entertainment from comedy and drama to local theatre, musicals and choirs.

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The GreenThumb team, from left, Luke Foscett, Stuart Crawford, Jason and Vicki Bell and Marc Williams



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"Our treatment can rid it of dandelions, dai-

sies and clover, as well as other weeds." GreenThumb Oswestry is a family run business with a dedicated team of professionally qualified Lawn Operatives, visiting over 2,000 lawns each year. Husband and wife, Jason and Vicki Bell took over the Oswestry branch in 2008 and it has grown every year with much of their custom coming from recommendations by friends, family and neighbours who are satisfied with

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Hospital trust is named one of UK's best

THE trust that runs Shropshire's two main hospitals has been named as one of the top performers in the country for the fourth year in a row.

Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust, SaTH, has been named as a CHKS top 40 hospitals for 2016.

The award is one of several awards that are part of the national CHKS top hospitals programme. As well as national awards for patient experience, patient safety, quality of care and data quality, CHKS celebrates excellence amongst its own clients throughout the UK.

The top hospitals award is based on the evaluation of more than 20 indicators of clinical effectiveness, health outcomes, efficiency, patient experience and quality of care.

Simon Wright, chief executive at SaTH, said: "The trust and our staff want to provide the best possible care for all of our patients all of the time.

"It is a great honour to have our work recognised by CHKS as one of the top 40 acute trusts in the UK, and humbling that we have now won this award four years in a row. We know we still have more work to do, but this award is a great reflection of the hard work, pride and commitment shown by our staff."

Head midwife is appointed

A NEW head of midwifery has been appointed at the trust which runs Shropshire's two main hospitals.

Sarah Jamieson will start in the role at The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust (SaTH) on September 1.

Sarah is currently deputy head of midwifery and deputy associate chief nurse at University Hospitals of North Midlands (UHNH) NHS Trust.

When she starts at SaTH, Sarah will oversee the maternity service at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, the Princess Royal Hospital in Telford, in the community in the county and at Midwife Led Units in Bridgnorth, Ludlow and Oswestry.

Sarah Bloomfield, director of nursing and quality at SaTH, said: "After a competitive recruitment process, I'm delighted that we have appointed Sarah as our new head of midwifery from September 1."

Sarah Jamieson's career spans over 27 years in both nursing and midwifery.

Experts put focus on mental health

EXPERTS from across the county are working together to better understand the needs of people with mental health issues.

Shropshire's health and wellbeing board will develop a "needs assessment" that will provide an understanding of the population's mental health, how people use services now, what people need to keep mentally and emotionally well and identify where there are inequalities and any gaps in services.

Mental health is one of the key priorities for the board, which is made up of health and social care partners.

The needs assessment will inform partnership working with stakeholders and the community, through a shared understanding of needs.

Get-together for tinnitus sufferers

SHROPSHIRE Tinnitus Support Group will hold its next get-together today (Thursday) at the Lantern, Harlescott, Shrewsbury from 10am.

Edward Arran from Shrewsbury's Centre for Integral Health will be talking about hypnotherapy.

The group is supported by local hearing charity Signal and more information can be found at <http://hub.signal.org.uk/services/tinnitus-support>, or by calling 01743 358356.

'We must ensure patients have the best care'

WE are both emergency medicine consultants.

Today, we would like to take this opportunity to clarify our views on the NHS Future Fit review. We want to speak about Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust's strategic outline case for its sustainable services programme – and also the portrayal of accident and emergency in the media.

NHS Future Fit and the strategic outline case, or SOC, are an attempt to redefine high level medical care to the population that we serve. We know that having all the services a patient requires on the same site improves the care delivered to that patient and the clinical outcome.

We already send patients with major injuries or who have had heart attacks to Royal Stoke University Hospital. These patients have a lower risk of dying and an increased quality of life after being discharged. Within Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust (SaTH) we have already concentrated emergency surgery onto one site in Shrewsbury and this has led to better outcomes.

We now have a death rate below the national average. Acute stroke services are on one site

It is a decision that will determine how Shropshire's emergency departments for generations to come. The two men in charge of the county's A&E have their say.

in Telford and again this has improved the care and quality of life for patients who have suffered a stroke. Concentrating the paediatric inpatients at one site in Telford has increased our ability to recruit and retain high quality medical staff, which is better for our patients.

We acknowledge concerns about the increased transport time for patients.

However, whilst getting a patient to hospital quickly is important, it's more important that patients are seen in the right place, by the right person as soon as possible.

A bigger more specialist site will mean more high quality staff, meaning patients can be seen by the right person much more quickly.

It's all very well saying that we should employ more people at our sites, but the fact is our emergency departments are not attractive

because they are small, with staff preferring to work in bigger state-of-the-art units.

A single but larger emergency centre will help us to recruit. At present the majority of patients who present to our A&E do not actually need to be seen there and would be equally well treated in an Urgent Care Centre/Minor Injury Centre (e.g. cuts, fractures, stitches etc), which would remain at both sites if the SOC moves forward to outline and then full business case, as we hope.

People would be seen, diagnosed and treated with local follow-up arranged, if required.

The proposals would ensure that a high quality service is provided on both sites for the majority of patients who don't need treatment in an A&E and the remaining patients would be cared for in an Emergency Centre. The Emergency Centre would be able to deliver high quality, life-saving care through a dedicated emergency team well supported by other relevant specialities.

Having one Emergency Centre would allow the trust to ensure there is always one of our own senior doctors present 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week to deliver care compared

to the current situation of locum doctors more frequently delivering the care.

This model would also help to keep services in the area rather than moved to the bigger centres in Stoke or Wolverhampton. In addition, it would allow the trust to be at the forefront of medical research, which it cannot currently do with the present configuration.

Following consultation with colleges from across the region, the ability to recruit and retain experienced, highly skilled staff would be increased – ensuring our patients receive the safest and kindest care possible in the county, rather than having to travel outside of Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin.

Doing nothing is not an option. The current model is not sustainable and change is needed. We must ensure patients now and in generations to come have the best services possible.

Mr Subramanian Kumaran FRCS

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Consultant and Clinical Director

for Emergency Medicine

Dr Adrian Marsh FRCEM

Consultant and Clinical Lead

for Emergency Medicine

Images show new dawn or demise of our hospitals?



This image shows how the A&E department at RSH could look if plans to create one unit in the county went ahead. A similar image has been drawn up for Telford's PRH

A NEW exciting era for Shropshire's hospitals – or the latest piece of propaganda in the drive by NHS bosses to downgrade the county's A&E?

The release of new artist impressions for Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and Telford's Princess Royal Hospital continued to divide those involved in a bitter battle of words over the future of healthcare in the county.

The pictures show how a single A&E department might look once it has been expanded and refurbished to serve the needs of a whole county.

Similar images, dominated by glass and greenery, have been produced to show how each of the hospitals' main entrances will also be transformed.

Dr Adrian Marsh, consultant and emergency medicine clinical lead at the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospitals NHS Trust, says the pictures show how hospital services in Shropshire can "move forward".

He said the new images show its dedication to improve services for patients.

A delegation from the trust travelled last year to Virginia Mason Institute in Seattle, Washington, to see how it delivered healthcare.

Dr Marsh said the images are part of the process of formulating a plan to ensure the people of Shropshire are cared for properly in the future.

He said: "These artist impressions are part of a strategic outline case which describes how we can move forward to create great services for our patients now and in the future."

"It's important to recognise that if these plans were to go ahead many of our patients would still be seen at their local hospital, for example people presenting with sprains, fractures or requiring stitches."

"It would only be the most life-threatening and critical injuries and conditions that would

be seen at the single emergency centre." His claims have been questioned by campaigners who want to keep two A&E departments for Shropshire.

Shrewsbury MP Daniel Kawczynski has also said the option of keeping two A&Es should now be looked at.

And campaigners from Shropshire Defend our NHS, county residents against the proposed changes, say they believe the measures are a "cost-cutting exercise" and will not improve services for patients and will be harmful for people with life-threatening conditions who may face long ambulance journeys to get the emergency help they need.

Doctor waiting for full contract details to be revealed

A JUNIOR doctor from the county says she needs more information about an agreement which has been reached in the long-running dispute over a new contract.

Government negotiators and the British Medical Association leadership have reached an deal after eight days of talks at conciliation service Acas.

Health secretary Jeremy Hunt said the deal was a "significant step forward", while the BMA said it represented the "best and final way" to end the row.

The offer will now be put to a vote of over

40,000 BMA members. That means it could still end up being rejected, but the fact the union and government have agreed a deal to end the stalemate is a major breakthrough.

Dr Rishwa Vithlani, who works as a paediatric registrar in Shropshire, said: "It is difficult to comment from the limited information we have had so far."

"The full contract details will be published at the end of the month and we will then in a better position to assess it."

Under the deal, Saturdays and Sundays will be paid at a normal rate between 9am and

9pm, with extra pay overnight seven days a week. This represents a significant shift on the position held by the BMA in previous talks.

To compensate for losing money on the weekend day shift, doctors will receive a percentage of their annual salary for working more than six weekends in a year.

This will range from three per cent for working one weekend in seven to up to 10 per cent of their salary if they work one weekend in two.

Any shift which starts at or after 8pm and lasts more than eight hours, and which fin-

ishes at or by 10am the following day, will result in an enhanced pay rate of 37 per cent for all hours worked.

Some elements of the new contract, if approved in the BMA's ballot of junior doctors, will be implemented in August and all junior doctors in England will then move on to the new terms between October and August 2017.

Making a statement in the Commons to outline the agreement, Mr Hunt said it was a matter of "great regret" that strike action occurred. He added it would not be the "end of the story" in an attempt to secure changes.

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Attractive period family house enjoys a rural location

An attractive period family house situated in a rural location with extended flexible accommodation, Hailstones, West Felton, Oswestry also has lovely countryside views.

It is for sale through Balfours at £495,000. It has a reception hall, a kitchen/family room, a sitting room, utility room, office, side entrance hall, a cloakroom, ground floor bedroom, ground floor bathroom, first floor lounge with a balcony, a master bedroom with a dressing room, two further bedrooms, a family shower room, gardens and grounds. Hailstones is situated in a rural location, on the outskirts of the popular hamlet of West Felton. Local amenities are available in the village by way of a post office, primary school, pub, village hall and church, and the property is well located for commuting.

Hailstones is a delightful spacious detached property situated in a most sought after rural location. It was initially a two bedroom cottage which has been extended into the adjoining barn and beyond. The property now has two living quarters offering adaptable accommodation. Dating back to the late 1800's the property still retains much of the character whilst the extension has been sympathetically designed and built to complement the Victorian frontage. It is set in mature gardens with ample turning and parking space with open countryside on the doorstep. In more detail the large family kitchen with a full height ceiling is perfect for modern family living. There is a large entrance hall and a side entrance hall. On the ground floor there is also an office, sitting room, utility room and cloakroom. There is also a large bedroom and bathroom on the ground floor.

On the first floor there is a beautifully finished sitting room with balcony and open fire. There are four further bedrooms, one of which would lend itself as a dressing room, and a family shower room.

The garden surrounds the property and has beautiful countryside views. From lane level a gate provides access to the gravel drive which sweeps around to the rear of the property. The gravelled parking area provides parking for four cars. The gardens are mature and have lawn areas which benefit from well planted herbaceous borders. The garden includes two outside stores.

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Home enjoys great location in the heart of countryside

REDNAL

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An individual country residence comprising a five-bedroomed family house, a detached two-bedroomed annexe, a further detached office/separate accommodation, a timber two storey outbuilding and paddocks in around six acres, Little Sutton, Rednal, West Felton lies in an unspoilt rural setting.

It is for sale through Balfours and Halls at £695,000. The main property has three reception rooms, a family kitchen, office, utility room, a master bedroom with an en-suite shower room, four further bedrooms and a family bathroom. The property has attractively appointed, yet deceptively spacious, "cottage style" internal accommodation, of great charm and character, which retains a number of attractive original features.

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The home is on the market through JJ Dell&Co for £274,500. The property benefits from double glazing and central heating and has two good sized reception rooms.

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There is a breakfast kitchen, three bedrooms, ensuite and bathroom. There is ample car parking, a large double garage and an attractive garden as well as a small adjoining grass paddock. The property

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Detached period house has cottage gardens

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A charming detached period house with cottage gardens in the centre of West Felton village, yet conveniently positioned for Oswestry, Court Cottage in Threadneedle Street is for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole at £345,000 with no chain.

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Home has superb views of countryside

LLANFECHAIN
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House prices surge at five times the pace of earnings

House prices have surged at five times the pace of earnings increases typically over the last five years, according to a think-tank.

The Resolution Foundation said its analysis of Office for National Statistics (ONS) figures shows that house prices have increased by 36% since April 2011 across the UK - 5.1 times the 7% increase in average weekly earnings over the same period.

The findings were released as the ONS said UK house prices increased by 9% in the year to March, accelerating from an annual rate of 7.6% in February.

The average UK house price was £292,000 in March, after increasing by 2.5% on the previous month.

The ONS said prices paid by first-time buyers were 9.7% higher in March 2016 than in March 2015. In March 2016, the average price paid for a house by a first-time buyer was £220,000.

According to the figures released by the ONS, house prices have increased on average over the last year by 10.1% in England to reach £307,000, by 2.1% in Wales to reach £176,000 and by 6.4% in Northern Ireland, taking the average property price there to £155,000.

Both the house price index for England and that for Wales are at record highs, the ONS said. In London, house prices have increased by 13% annually to reach £552,000. Across England, the ONS said the the North East has the lowest average house price, at £158,000.

The Resolution Foundation said even in Scotland, Northern Ireland and the North East of England, where house price growth has been most modest over the last five years, it has been roughly double the pace of average earnings growth.

Lindsay Judge, a senior policy analyst at the Resolution Foundation, said: "Rampant house prices inflation isn't just a problem for wannabe home-owners. It has increased the stock of mortgage debt, and fuelled demand for renting that is driving up costs there too.

"Ultimately we all pay for house price inflation by spending a greater share of our incomes on housing."

Separate figures from the Council of Mortgage Lenders (CML) showed home mover house purchase lending in March was at its highest levels since 2007. Home movers borrowed £9.3 billion in March, up 75% on February and 82% compared with a year ago.

Buy-to-let lending for house purchase in the first quarter of 2016 was the highest since the CML started tracking the data in 2006, with £7.2 billion of loans advanced.

Landlords borrowed £4.3 billion for house purchase in March, up 290% on March 2015. On April 1, a three percentage point stamp duty hike came into force for people buying second homes, such as buy-to-let investors.

Paul Smees, director general of the CML, said: "Activity was distorted in March due to a rush to beat the introduction of changes to stamp duty on second properties in April, alongside the seasonal uptick in activity before Easter. While the increases are substantial, these supercharged levels of activity are likely to be temporary and will fall back over the summer months."

Landlords seeing a greater return than FTSE investors

Buy-to-let investors typically enjoy a greater return than those who choose to invest in FTSE 100 companies.

New research reveals that while total returns on property investments rose by 9.57 per cent in the 12 months to the end of March, the London-based stock exchange has lost 1.4 per cent in the year to date.

Allison Thompson, managing director at property specialist Leaders, says: "Despite recent buy-to-let tax changes imposed by the government, there is no doubt that the property market still offers an extremely attractive investment opportunity.

Shrewd

"With returns increasing by almost ten per cent over the last year, investing in property is a shrewd way for people to use their savings.

"In comparison, the stock market has failed to deliver a return for many investors and even the best savings accounts are typically offering rates of less than two per cent at the moment."

London continued to drive the buy-to-let market in the 12 months in question, with landlords enjoying a 16.49 per cent increase in returns. It was followed by the east of England (13.18 per cent), the south-east (12.1 per cent) and the East Midlands (8.59 per cent), according to Property Partner's residential market index.

Cheaper

Allison adds: "While returns may be greatest in the south, investors should also consider buying to let in the north where purchase prices are often cheaper and demand in many areas is rising rapidly.



"In particular, Manchester has witnessed a sharp spike in investment activity in recent months.

"Those who wish to benefit from the largest returns in the south can still find

good value for money and, with the help of a local property expert, can pinpoint the most up-and-coming towns in their region.

"Properties to rent remain in high demand, with experts predicting that more

than half of young people will rent their home by 2025.

"This makes it a great time to invest in property and benefit from excellent market conditions."

Let to rent trend popularity growing

There is growing evidence that the concept of let to rent is becoming more popular in the UK where a home owner rents their property out and then rents a place in another location.

While let to rent isn't a new concept, it's becoming a great deal less niche as an alternative owning and living option.

"One of the biggest factors in this trend is the massive and rising cost of moving, and the difficulties that many owners are encountering in replacing their existing mortgage with a similar deal," said David Brooke Smith of Stacks Property Search.

He explained that there are lots of reasons and schools are one of the main drivers. "Families who want to live in a specific catchment area, or who want to be close by for a child's limited time at a particular school, are letting out their home and renting close to the school," he pointed out.

"It's also a great way of trying out a new area without committing to it fully. So for those who are contemplating a move from town to country, vice versa, or from one part of the country to another, or wanting to try out a specific village that has caught their eye but about which they know nothing, it reduces the risk of buying in haste and repenting at leisure," he added.

Other scenarios include short term work contracts, taking time out, such as



on a sabbatical and some even want to move, but can't bear the idea of selling their much loved property.

"There are huge benefits to let to rent. Selling and buying is a big step both emotionally and financially so if there's ever any doubt that it's the correct long term decision, letting to rent makes a lot of sense," said Brooke Smith.

But he warned that while let to rent is often a win-win scenario, there are several issues that need careful consideration before making a decision, most importantly the figures. He pointed out that that big disadvantage is that the rental income will be taxable income.

"You can offset costs related to the property you're letting, but you can't

offset the actual cost of renting. So if you want an even playing field, the figure you have available for your rental may need to be less than the figure you can achieve for letting your property out," he explained.

"Depending on where you're moving from and to, the figures could stack up very nicely. Letting in London, and renting in the country, should mean you're well placed financially. But going in the opposite direction will mean you have to be pragmatic about what you can afford," he added.

He also explained that availability can be a challenge in rural areas as rental homes are often in short supply and the choice can be further limited if landlords choose not to welcome children and or dogs.

Home owners will also need to get consent to let their property from their mortgage provider who may or may not insist on changing the mortgage to a buy to let deal. Those choosing rent to let will also need to put special landlord's insurance in place.

Also, renting is more restricting that owning a home. Home owners used to being able to do what they want to their properties may find it frustrating that they can't knock down walls, replace bathrooms, and make other structural changes.

Top Tips

Property expert Phil Spencer offers his advice to people selling their homes.

He said: "Potential buyers need to imagine themselves living in your house, so get rid of ornaments and photos - especially posters in kids' bedrooms.

"Put things you don't really use on a daily basis in the attic or storage.

"Large pieces of furniture should also go into storage; this will make rooms feel much bigger."





North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson arranged the talks



The talks were held at the British Ironwork Centre at Aston near Oswestry



Andrew Jones listens to the points



Andrew Jones boarded a tractor to see the problems at the Shottaton crossroads near Oswestry

New hope for road upgrade

A MINISTER has said he is "optimistic" improvements to the A5 near Oswestry will be included in the government's strategic roads programme.

Undersecretary of State for Transport, Andrew Jones, was told by leaders of the area's business, civic, education, tourism and farming communities, as well as emergency services chiefs, that it was vital that the road was dualled north of Shrewsbury.

It came during a visit to the region, in which North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson took the minister on a road trip from Shrewsbury to both the North Wales and Mid Wales borders on the A5 and A483 to see for himself the pressures on what is the only single carriageway section of the trans-European route from Dover to Holyhead.

Mr Jones boarded a tractor to cross the A5 at the Shottaton junction and walked through the villages of Pant and Llanymynech where residents want a bypass for the A483.

He said: "I am optimistic that the A5 can go forward to the strategic programme. For years we have had a stop-start approach to road building but now we are planning ahead. We will put £15.2 billion into road investment in the five

Report by Sue Austin

years from 2020 and we are planning ahead now."

Mr Jones was told that 48 people had died from road accidents on the A5 since the early 1990s.

"Each death means that a family is devastated," he said.

After hearing of problems facing those using the A5, north of Shrewsbury, from businesses to tourists to the local community Mr Jones said he was sympathetic.

"This side of the county has huge potential for business expansion and tourism," he said.

One of those who spoke to the minister at a meeting at the British Ironwork Centre at Aston near Oswestry, was Clive Wright chief executive of Shropshire County Council.

He said: "The west and Wales have huge opportunities to flourish and the A5 is the arterial route into Wales. Shropshire is well placed to benefit but we need the infrastructure of a good road network." Oswestry Mayor Paul Milner said that dualling the A5 would bring better ambulance times to the county.



Owen Paterson drove Andrew Jones along the A5 to point out the dangers



A delegation met the Government minister at Shottaton Crossroads near Oswestry to discuss the road problems



Cath Baldry is welcomed to Oswestry Cambrian Rotary Club by Ian Slipper



Osyteers Mark Haskey, Cliff Wood and Merrick Corfield have been hard at work



Mike Griffiths, Denzil Ellis, Mike Jones and Adam Williams

Rotarians help out



Stan Smith, James Bond, Wendy and Peter Cherrington, Chris Sumner and Mike Griffiths



Denzil Ellis, Ian Haigh, Mike Perry, Mike Jones, Mark Liquorish



Mike Jones, Liz Kyle, Mark Liquorish and Jane Trudgill



Oswestry Cambrian Rotary Club's cabaret night was a big success and raised hundreds of pounds for good causes

MEMBERS of rotary clubs in Oswestry have giving up their own time and have been out and about helping the local community.

Rotarians belonging to Cambrian Rotary's volunteer Osyteers group have been attending to a newly installed raised planter for an Oswestry resident who is undergoing some gruelling treatment in hospital.

The Osyteers sanded down the top surface so it was smooth for the resident to sit on and then it was painted with fence paint. The next job will be to fill it with soil so the resident can get it planted out for the summer.

Cath Baldry from West Felton recently joined the growing ranks of the Oswestry Cambrian Rotary Club.

Cath trained as a nurse in Birmingham and in the 1980s opened a residential care home with her husband and ran it for 20 years before she moved into palliative care at a hospice.

Report by Naomi Penrose

Cath and her husband Vic moved from the Southport area to West Felton earlier this year. Cath was welcomed to the club by Ian Slipper.

Borderland Rotary members and guests from Oswestry Rotary and Cambrian Rotary enjoyed a convivial evening called to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Borderland group.

They listened to Rotary District Governor, Chris Sumner, giving a brief history of rotary.

Guest speaker James Bond from Radio Shropshire gave a humorous talk on the formation and development of the BBC.

Among the guests were immediate past mayor of Oswestry Councillor Peter Cherrington and his wife Wendy.

Borderland president Stan Smith and Oswestry Rotary Club president Mike Griffiths were also in attendance. The Rotary Club

of Oswestry has presented the final cheques to this year's beneficiaries of its Tree of Light fundraising scheme.

A cheque for £600 was handed over to Midlands Air Ambulance during a visit by club members to RAF Cosford.

Regional fundraising manager Adam Williams said: "The charity is fortunate to be able to count on tremendous public support and goodwill but never takes the great level of support from the local communities we serve for granted."

"We are extremely grateful to everyone who sponsored the Tree of Light again this year – their support will help keep our service operational in the local community."

The cheque was handed over by Mike Griffiths, Denzil Ellis and Mike Jones.

Oswestry Rotary Club members presented two further cheques for £600 from the Tree of Light appeal to the Severn Hospice and the Lingen Davies Linear Accelerator Fund.

Mike Perry, community fundraising advisor at Severn Hospice, received the donation as recognition and support for the invaluable work the hospice does for people with life-limiting illnesses and their families.

"Of the £9.6m it cost last year to run Severn Hospice, our supporters helped raise £6.99m," he said.

The cheque was handed over by Denzil Ellis, Ian Haigh, Mike Jones and Mark Liquorish.

Facilities

The Lingen Davies Cancer Fund resources equipment and buildings to improve facilities for cancer patients at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and has pledged to raise £750,000 by the end of 2016 to help fund an additional world class Linear Accelerator for the Cancer and Haematology Centre there.

Receiving the cheque, Liz Kyle, acting fundraising manager at the Lingen Davies Cancer Fund, said: "We are delighted to have reached the £500,000 milestone on March 8."

"Many thanks to everyone who donated to the Tree of Light last Christmas – every donation is valued and will help us to reach our £750,000 target by the end of this year."

The cheque was handed over to Liz Kyle and Jane Trudgill from the appeal by Mike Jones and Mark Liquorish.

Meanwhile, Oswestry Cambrian Rotary Club's dinner and cabaret event raised nearly £1,500 for local projects and organisations.

Friends, guest and local business people were treated to a three-course dinner followed by the entertainment from the Very Nice Performance Company.

Cambrian president Mike Lade said: "Everyone had a great time and we are grateful to the VNPC for a great performance, to the Rocking Horse Studios in town for doing the videography for us and to the people and businesses who donated prizes for the raffle to make it a very worthwhile evening for the benefit of community."

"We hope to do something similar again next year."

Help safeguard natural world on your doorstep

THE feather sat upon the dusty film of the water's surface. It was a dry dust. The day before it had rained, just once – a short, sharp downpour with the large, fat water droplets smashing onto the greenhouse roof, smacking the felt of the shed and pattering on the sturdier constructions of tile, brick and concrete.

But he preferred the orchestral tinkles it made on itself, on water, on the pond and in the river and down the length of this very stream.

Then the storm clouds had parted and hot sun had shone through, lighting up the world anew and afresh as only late spring sun can do after a short, sharp shower.

And when he returned to his car the droplets had evaporated and left behind the fine dust of blood rain and, as he wiped his finger across its secretions, he knew he held on the tip of it a tiny percentage of the Sahara desert.

He had misjudged the precipitation that day and had hurried back to the vehicle and cut the dog walk short as he wore no coat and was not eager to have to change before he started the day's work.

But now he was back again and the sky was unsullied by cloud or the threat of more water to add to the sluggish flow at his feet.

The feather continued its slow ambling and meandering downstream, collecting beneath the undercut cliffs where sand martins had made their nests, tumbling down the rapids to swirl and eddy in the currents of the weir pools, once mistaken by an eager young trout for a crane fly before passing the silt bars where otters laid their prints

ON THE WILDSIDE

with Ben Waddams



and their spraints. Then it lingered in the push and pull of the bank below the railway bridge, escaping the entanglements of the brambles with their mix of old and new leaves and hard and soft spines before passing between the two stones on which the dipper stood and ending its run a further three bends downriver having passed below the dappled light of the ash and oak trees into the outstretched reach of his hand.

Brilliant

A description of Eden? Yes, if you want to call it such. Nirvana? Possibly. Shropshire? Undoubtedly.

This is the Rea Brook in late May and the feather I hold in my hand is a brilliant blue, as if struck by some benign electrical sculpting and tinting agent. Its original owner was of course, a kingfisher.

The brook is a jewel in the crown of Shrewsbury and the surrounding countryside. It is played and paddled in by human and dog amongst others, cycled and walked along, photographed, painted and fished in.

It needs to be protected and so when Sheila Jones contacted me to give the Rea Brook a shout out, I am only too pleased to do so. Earlier in the year, appalled by the litter ridden areas in its lower reaches, Sheila took it upon herself to start a clean-up campaign, soon gaining support from Shrewsbury Friends Of the Earth and the Shropshire Wildlife Trust.

Talking individually with all the businesses along that stretch, she urged them



Kingfisher in the Morning – oil on board – by Ben Waddams

to exercise their statutory duty of care to keep it litter free.

To date, all businesses asked have complied willingly and speedily. So if you know of a wild area on your doorstep that needs

a bit of TLC, don't wait for others to act, undertake to do your bit for the natural world and the rewards can be enjoyed for a lifetime.

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Police vow to crack down on 'legal high' use

OFFICERS say they are ready to use tough new powers against people using psychoactive substances.

Dyfed-Powys Police says new legislation on drugs previously known as legal highs will be policed in a "practical and proportionate manner" after coming into force last week.

The Psychoactive Substances Act will provide a blanket ban on the production, supply and importation of new psychoactive substances and will change the way force tackles them.

It will also make new drugs appearing on the market illegal quicker than ever before.

Dyfed-Powys Police temporary chief inspector Dyfed Bolton added: "Our officers see first-hand the harm, and potentially devastating effects of substance misuse, all too often. We welcome these new powers, and are ready to enforce the new law and tackle the harm caused in communities by the sale and use of drugs. Our approach will be a combination of education and enforcement, and we will work closely with partners to tackle the supply and scourge of psychoactive substances, and other drugs."

The law makes it an offence to deal in substances which affect the mind, unless special exemption has been granted, such as caffeine, alcohol or tobacco.

The new law gives police the power to hand out prohibition notices, premises notices, prohibition orders and premises orders, allowing officers or local authorities to require people to stop stocking, selling or supplying psychoactive substances.

Officers also have powers to stop and search people and vehicles, enter and search premises with a warrant, and seize and destroy the substances.

Commander Simon Bray, National Police Chiefs' Council lead for new psychoactive substances, said: "This new legislation is a very positive step forward. Police are ready to enforce the new law and tackle the harm caused in communities by the sale and use of drugs. As with all drugs, our approach will be practical, proportionate and based on the individual circumstances. Forces are committed to reducing the harm caused by all drugs but we cannot do this alone, prevention, education and health service all have a crucial role to play."

"Police forces, Trading Standards, border forces and other organisations have been working hard to tackle the supply of controlled and non-controlled NPS but a blanket ban on new psychoactive substances will make it simpler to deal with those drugs that are unsafe but may not yet be controlled."



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Casualty
9.25pm
Elle is pressed into a corner by Hanssen, who wants to know who has been stealing drugs. After a shocking discovery, she is forced to choose between the good of the department and the people in it. Rita pushes Iain away until a threatening incident makes her seek his help.



Gardeners' World
7.20pm
Monty Don reports on progress in his cutting garden and, now that plants are growing apace, gets on with seasonal maintenance tasks in the jewel garden. Frances Tophill continues her vegetable trials at RHS Rosemoor in Devon, when she plants out her allotment with the help of volunteers.



Bang on the Money
7pm
Ricky Haywood-Williams and Melvin Odomo host the final edition of the high-precision game show. This time, 'The Arc Angels' from Northampton take on Mr England, Mr Birmingham and Miss Basingstoke, known collectively as 'The Pageant People'. Last in the series.



The Restoration Man
7.15pm
Marco and Kath Walker have bought a pair of 17th and 18th-century cow barns from a local farmer in Wellington, Herefordshire, but the couple are restoration novices and the project is beset with problems from the start. Architect George Clarke offers some much-needed advice.



NCIS
8.30pm
The team suspects Gibbs's arch-nemesis is behind an explosion at a summit on global terror. Meanwhile, a grief-stricken Fornell struggles to deal with the fatal shooting of his ex-wife. American drama, starring Mark Harmon, David McCallum, Pauley Perrette and Joe Spano.

| BBC1 | |
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| 6.00 | Breakfast. |
| 10.00 | Saturday Kitchen Live. Actor Stephen Tompkinson submits to food heaven or hell, courtesy of Theo Randall and Lisa Allen, and Jane Parkinson selects the perfect wines to accompany the studio dishes. |
| 11.30 | Mary Berry Cooks. Recipes for a weekday supper. (R) |
| 12.00 | BBC News; Weather. |
| 12.10 | Athletics: The Gotzis Hypomeeting. |
| 12.40 | Athletics: Diamond League Rome Highlights. The Golden Gala – Pietro Mennea. Gabby Logan presents action from the fourth Diamond League event of the season, which was held at the Stadio Olimpico in Rome. |
| 1.40 | Boxing: Women's World Championships. Highlights of the biennial event, which took place in Astana, Kazakhstan. Team GB's Nicola Adams was looking to clinch the only major honour to have eluded her so far. |
| 2.40 | Flog It! Making a profit at auction. (R) |
| 3.35 | Escape to the Country. A couple searching for a home in North Yorkshire. (R) |
| 4.20 | FILM: Madagascar (2005). Various inmates of a city zoo escape captivity, but end up stranded on an island with no clue how to survive. Animated comedy, with the voices of Ben Stiller and David Schwimmer. |
| 5.40 | Can't Touch This. A violinist, a boy-racer and a marine biologist tackle the obstacle course. |
| 6.30 | BBC News. |
| 6.40 | Midlands Today; Weather. |
| 6.50 | Pointless Celebrities. A Euro 2016-themed edition of the quiz, featuring Danny Gabbidon, Jason Mohammad, Neil Lennon, Iain Dowie, Gabby Logan, Steve Wilson, Stephanie Roche and Kevin Kilbane. |
| 7.40 | The National Lottery: In It to Win It. Quiz show in which five contestants answer questions to scoop a big cash prize. Plus, Ore Oduba presents the all-important Lotto and Thunderball draws. |
| 8.30 | The Musketeers. Famine grips Paris, and a grain theft earns the city's refugees an appointment with the executioner, but the Musketeers are not convinced these unfortunate souls are guilty. |
| 9.25 | Casualty. Elle is pressed into a corner by Hanssen, who wants to know who has been stealing drugs. She is forced to choose between the good of the department and the people in it. |
| 10.25 | BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update. |
| 10.45 | FILM: Die Hard with a Vengeance (1995). New York cop John McClane pursues a terrorist threatening to set off a series of bombs around the city. Action thriller sequel, with Bruce Willis, Samuel L Jackson and Jeremy Irons. |
| 12.45 | FILM: The Children (2008). A family Christmas at a remote cottage turns deadly when a virus transforms the children into bloodthirsty killers. Horror, starring Eva Birthistle and Stephen Campbell Moore. |
| 2.05 | Weather for the Week Ahead. |
| 2.10 | BBC News. |

| BBC2 | |
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| 6.10 | FILM: Finishing School (1934). Romantic comedy, starring Frances Dee. |
| 7.20 | FILM: Hue and Cry (1947). Ealing comedy, starring Alastair Sim. |
| 8.40 | FILM: The Island at the Top of the World (1974). Disney fantasy adventure, starring Donald Sinden. |
| 10.10 | Homes Under the Hammer. Properties in the New Forest and Derby. (R) |
| 11.10 | Natural World. A quest to understand more about the great white shark. (R) |
| 12.00 | The Hairy Bikers: Everyday Gourmets. Si King and Dave Myers make luxury lunches. (R) |
| 1.00 | Tom Kerridge's Proper Pub Food. Dishes to celebrate a special occasion. (R) |
| 1.30 | FILM: Pal Joey (1957). Musical comedy, starring Frank Sinatra. |
| 3.20 | The Great British Sewing Bee. The eight remaining contestants try their hands at lingerie. (R) |
| 4.20 | This Week's World. Emily Maitlis investigates what the future might have in store for South Africa's ANC. |
| 5.00 | UEFA Euro 2017 Qualifier. England v Serbia (Kick-off 5.00pm). All the action from the UEFA Women's Euro 2017 Group Seven qualifier, which comes from Adams park in Wycombe. |
| 7.30 | Gardeners' World. Monty Don reports on progress in his cutting garden and gets on with seasonal maintenance tasks in the jewel garden. Plus, Frances Tophill continues her vegetable trials. (R) |
| 8.00 | Dad's Army. The platoon takes part in an efficiency test in a bid to prove its worth, but mistakenly attacks a tea lady with onions from Jones's van. Guest starring Fulton Mackay. (R) |
| 8.30 | FILM: Alice in Wonderland (2010). A 19-year-old Alice returns to the magical world she visited as a child to find that a tyrannical queen has taken over. Fantasy adventure, starring Mia Wasikowska and Johnny Depp. |
| 10.10 | QI XL. Extended edition. The Rev Richard Coles, Sara Pascoe, Bill Bailey and Alan Davies try to answer host Stephen Fry's questions on L-themed larks – a 'Liblabble', as he calls it. |
| 10.55 | Versailles. Period drama depicting the decadent and turbulent early reign of Louis XIV. In the first edition, the young monarch seeks to assert his authority. George Blagden stars; (R) Inside Versailles. A closer look at the history behind the drama series Versailles. In the first edition, Professor Kate Williams and Greg Jenner examine Louis XIV's love life. (R) |
| 11.55 | FILM: You Will Be My Son (2011). A winemaker's son tries to prove that he is a worthy heir to the family business, but his father has someone else in mind. Drama, with Niels Arestrup and Loraंत Deutsch. |
| 1.35 | FILM: Quatermass 2 (1957). The professor investigates a meteor shower in a small town and discovers a plot to cover up an alien invasion. Hammer sci-fi horror sequel, starring Brian Donlevy and Bryan Forbes. |
| 2.55 | This Is BBC2. Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC2. |

| ITV | |
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| 6.00 | CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! 6.20 Pat & Stan 6.30 Dino Dan 6.45 Dino Dan 6.55 Signed Stories: Share a Story 7.00 Sooty 7.15 Super 4 7.30 Nerds & Monsters 7.45 The Tom & Jerry Show 8.00 Thunderbirds Are Go |
| 8.25 | ITV News. |
| 8.30 | Weekend. Chat show. |
| 9.25 | Murder, She Wrote. Jessica visits a country music star. (R) |
| 10.25 | Murder, She Wrote. A famous concert pianist's wife is murdered. (R) |
| 11.25 | The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. The host takes his successful talk show stateside. |
| 12.20 | ITV News and Weather; Weather. |
| 12.25 | The Jeremy Kyle Show. Guests air their differences. (R) |
| 1.30 | Live French Open Tennis. Coverage of the 14th day's play at Roland Garros, featuring the women's singles final in the second Grand Slam tournament of the year, which was won by Serena Williams in 2015. |
| 6.00 | ITV News Central; Weather. |
| 6.15 | ITV News and Weather. |
| 6.30 | You've Been Framed! More comical mishaps, including a building crushing a luxury sports car and a tree that manages to topple a motorcyclist. (R) |
| 7.00 | Bang on the Money. 'The Arc Angels' from Northampton take on 'The Pageant People' in one final round of the game show. Hosted by Ricky Haywood-Williams and Melvin Odomo. Last in the series. |
| 8.00 | You Saw Them Here First. The show exploring the TV debuts of some of Britain's most famous faces returns, beginning with early appearances by Sheridan Smith, Daniel Craig, Idris Elba and Paloma Faith. |
| 9.00 | All New It'll Be Alright on the Night. Griff Rhys Jones introduces more TV and film outtakes, including gaffes by Elton John, David Beckham and Ricky Gervais, and fumbled takes from Coronation Street and EastEnders. |
| 10.00 | ITV News and Weather; Weather. |
| 10.20 | Secrets of Growing Old. Documentary unravelling the secrets of ageing, including the changing attitudes to 'growing old', with examples of people who defy preconceptions of what it means to be 'old'. (R) |
| 11.20 | FILM: Carry On Cleo (1964). A captured Briton is mistaken for a heroic swordsman and given the job of protecting Julius Caesar from assassins. Comedy, with Amanda Barrie, Kenneth Williams and Sid James. |
| 1.00 | Jackpot247. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. |
| 3.00 | Murder, She Wrote. Jessica's jockey niece is accused of murdering a leading horse owner, so the sleuthing novelist sets about solving the elaborate framing. Whodunit, starring Angela Lansbury. (R) |
| 3.50 | ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service. |

| Channel 4 | |
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| 6.15 | The King of Queens. Doug and Carrie are asked to be godparents. (R) |
| 6.40 | Transvulcania Ultramarathon. Action from the 83.3km endurance event. |
| 7.10 | Motor Sport: British GT. Action from Oulton Park. |
| 7.35 | Everybody Loves Raymond. A piano brings back memories. (R) |
| 8.00 | Everybody Loves Raymond. Ray's golfing form falters. (R) |
| 8.30 | Derby Day Morning Line. A look ahead to the prestigious race from Epsom. |
| 10.00 | Frasier. The new man in Roz's life befriends Frasier. (R) |
| 10.30 | Frasier. Dr Mary steals the limelight from Frasier. (R) |
| 11.00 | The Superhumans Show. With tennis stars Jordanne Whitley and Greg Rusedski. |
| 11.30 | The Big Bang Theory. Raj worries that a probe he designed will not work in space. (R) |
| 12.00 | The Big Bang Theory. Sheldon asks the gang to make life more difficult for him. (R) |
| 12.25 | The Simpsons. Homer becomes a football coach. (R) |
| 12.55 | The Simpsons. Principal Skinner is exposed as an imposter. (R) |
| 1.30 | The Derby: Channel 4 Racing from Epsom. Including the feature race at 4.30. |
| 5.00 | A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun. A couple from Brighton seek a second home on the Spanish island of Majorca. |
| 6.00 | Homes by the Med. Charlie Luxton heads to the Costa del Sol, where he meets a couple who have built an extraordinary modern home that is designed like a cruise ship, but on dry land. Previously seen on More4. |
| 7.00 | Channel 4 News. |
| 7.15 | The Restoration Man. Architect George Clarke helps restoration novices Marco and Kath Walker, who have bought a pair of 17th and 18th-century cow barns in Wellington, Herefordshire. (R) |
| 8.00 | Grand Designs. Kevin McCloud follows the progress of Stephen Yeoman and Anita Findlay, who want to build a cutting-edge, post-industrial house in the traditional area of South Downs. (R) |
| 9.00 | FILM: 12 Years a Slave (2013). Premiere. A black man in pre-Civil War New York is abducted and spends years living in slavery. Oscar-winning fact-based period drama, with Chiwetel Ejiofor and Michael Fassbender. |
| 11.45 | FILM: Colombiana (2011). An orphan grows up to be an assassin while secretly plotting revenge on the gangsters who murdered her parents. Action thriller, starring Zoe Saldana and Cliff Curtis. |
| 1.40 | Hollyoaks. Omnibus. Nathan hopes to see justice done as Cleo's trial begins. DS Thorpe uncovers Jason's report on Maxine 'neglecting' Patrick, and Grace's half-brothers arrive in the village. (R) |
| 3.50 | Posh Pawnbrokers. Dan values a handbag once belonging to Cheryl Fernandez-Versini. (R) |
| 4.40 | Win It Cook It. Ingredients up for grabs include corned beef and scones. (R) |
| 5.10 | Fifteen to One. General knowledge quiz. (R) |

| Channel 5 | |
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| 6.00 | Milkshake! Peppa Pig 6.05 Toby's Travelling Circus 6.15 Angelina Ballerina 6.30 Bob the Builder 6.45 Wanda and the Alien 6.50 Pets 6.55 Noddy in Toyland 7.15 Paw Patrol 7.30 Little Princess 7.40 Pip Ahoy! 7.55 Blaze and the Monster Machines 8.20 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom 8.30 Shimmer and Shine |
| 8.55 | Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. Karai hunts the Turtles. (R) |
| 9.30 | The Saturday Show Live. Topical show looking at the week's headlines. |
| 11.30 | Police Interceptors. A suspected drunk driver nearly causes a calamity. (R) |
| 12.30 | Police Interceptors. Dan is given the runaround by an uninsured driver. (R) |
| 1.30 | Police Interceptors. Cameras follow a high-speed police interception unit in Durham and Cleveland. (R) |
| 2.25 | Police Interceptors. The unit assists with an emergency landing. (R) |
| 3.25 | Police Interceptors. Kev Salter and Ian Squire hunt for a man roaming the streets with a machete. (R) |
| 4.25 | Police Interceptors: Fast & Furious. A pursuit ends in a fireball for Damo and Nyci. (R) |
| 5.25 | Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. A couple with young children are evicted a few days before Christmas. (R) |
| 6.25 | Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Paul Bohill and Steve Pinner evict a couple who owe five months' rent on a flat in an affluent London suburb, and later hit a snag when they try to seize a taxi over a £3,000 debt. (R) |
| 7.25 | Can't Pay Special: Big Family Bust Up. The enforcement agents are caught in the crossfire of three bitter family disputes, including a debt-dodging man who pushes his panic-stricken mother over the edge. (R) |
| 8.20 | 5 News Weekend. |
| 8.30 | NCIS. The team suspects Gibbs's arch-nemesis is behind an explosion at a summit on global terror. Meanwhile, a grief-stricken Fornell struggles to deal with his ex-wife's death. |
| 9.25 | NCIS. A covert identity created for one of Gibbs' undercover cases 20 years previously resurfaces after a murder victim is found to be using the alias. |
| 10.20 | NCIS: Los Angeles. A marine is thought to have killed himself after falling to his death from a rooftop bar, but Sam and Callen are brought in to re-evaluate the case after an appeal from his family. (R) |
| 11.15 | NCIS: Los Angeles. The team investigates when a woman is shot dead in an apartment and evidence emerges that she was the last person to see Callen before the attempt on his life. (R) |
| 12.10 | SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. |
| 3.10 | GPs: Behind Closed Doors. A cancer patient is determined to remain positive. (R) |
| 4.00 | GPs: Behind Closed Doors. Dr Sian Morris suspects crack cocaine is the cause of a patient's weight loss. (R) |
| 4.50 | Divine Designs. (R) |
| 5.20 | House Doctor. (R) |
| 5.45 | Angels of Jarm. (R) |
| 5.50 | Angels of Jarm. (R) |



Countryfile

7pm

Matt Baker and Anita Rani present the show from Scotland's Montrose Basin, an important location for wild fowl. Anita ventures out onto the treacherous mud flats, while Matt visits the site of the UK's first air base. Tom Heap reports on how the result of the EU referendum could affect the British countryside.



Top Gear

8pm

Chris Evans, Matt LeBlanc and Eddie Jordan head for South Africa, where Sharleen Spiteri, Seasick Steve and Tinie Tempah take part in an SUV test. Back at the track, Chris joins Jensen Button for a ride in the McLaren 675LT, while Damian Lewis is this week's Star in a Rallycross Car.



Live French Open Tennis

1.30pm

Coverage of the 15th day's play at Roland Garros, featuring the men's singles final in the second Grand Slam tournament of the year, which was won by Stan Wawrinka last year. John Inverdale presents, with analysis from Jim Courier, Mark Petchey and Fabrice Santoro, and commentary by Nick Mullins.



Escape to the Chateau

7pm

New series. Series following a British family that buys a French chateau over the course of a year, as they restore the building after 40 years of standing empty. Dick Strawbridge and his partner Angel Adoree's new home has 12 acres of land and a moat - but it also has no electricity, heating or water.



Most Shocking Celebrity Moments

10pm

Countdown of the biggest scandals of 2015, including Bruce Jenner's transition to Caitlyn, the Top Gear bust-up involving Jeremy Clarkson, and bad behaviour from repeat offenders such as Justin Bieber, One Direction and Miley Cyrus.

BBC1

- 6.00 **Breakfast.**
- 9.00 **The Andrew Marr Show.** Round-up of the week's stories, featuring interviews with key figures in politics and current affairs.
- 10.00 **The Big Questions.** Nicky Campbell presents moral and religious discussions on topical issues from Brunel University, Uxbridge.
- 11.00 **Sunday Politics West Midlands.** The week's events at Westminster, presented by Andrew Neil. Including a regional round-up.
- 12.15 **Bargain Hunt.** Experts Kate Bliss and Jonathan Pratt travel to Grimsthorpe Castle in Lincolnshire, and Tim Wonnacott visits nearby Lincoln Cathedral. (R)
- 1.15 **BBC News; Weather.**
- 1.30 **Athletics: Birmingham Grand Prix.** The Birmingham Grand Prix. Gabby Logan presents live coverage of the fifth round of the 2016 Diamond League, where Mo Farah and David Rudisha are scheduled to compete.
- 4.30 **Celebrity Mastermind.** Gethin Jones, Ben Bailey Smith, Aasmah Mir and Mark Little answer questions on Welsh international rugby, the Marx brothers' films, Hanif Kureishi's novels and Hunter S Thompson. (R)
- 5.00 **Points of View.** Jeremy Vine presents viewers' opinions on BBC shows and behind-the-scenes reports on new programmes.
- 5.15 **Songs of Praise.** Ruby Turner leads a surprise gospel performance at Birmingham New Street Station for BBC Music Day. Plus, hymns and songs that celebrate the power of music.
- 5.50 **Pointless Celebrities.** Authors Germaine Greer, Kathy Lette, Mark Billingham, Val McDermid, Mark Watson, Ian McMillan, Freya North and Tony Parsons take part in the quiz. (R)
- 6.35 **BBC News.**
- 6.50 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
- 7.00 **Countryfile.** Matt Baker and Anita Rani present the show from Scotland's Montrose Basin, an internationally important location for wild fowl and home to the site of the UK's first air base. Including Weather For The Week Ahead.
- 8.00 **Antiques Roadshow.** The team returns to Chenies Manor, near Amersham in Buckinghamshire, where items include a forgotten train set, a collection of pocket watches and an ornate plant stand. (R)
- 9.00 **Wallander.** The detective takes on his toughest case as he searches for Linda's father-in-law, a mystery that leads him into the shady world of Cold War-era politics. Last in the series.
- 10.30 **BBC News.**
- 10.50 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
- 11.00 **Duran Duran at Eden.** Alex Jones and Patrick Kielty introduce highlights of the band's concert for BBC Music Day from the Eden Project's biomes. Featuring a performance by Laura Mvula.
- 12.00 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
- 12.05 **BBC News.**

BBC2

- 6.05 **Great British Garden Revival.** Daffodils and blossoming trees and shrubs. (R)
- 7.05 **This Farming Life.** Martin prepares two bulls for the Royal Highland Show in Edinburgh. (R)
- 8.05 **Gardeners' World.** Monty Don reports on progress in his cutting garden. (R)
- 8.35 **Countryfile.** Tom Heap explores how the EU Referendum might impact "rural Britain". (R)
- 9.30 **The Beechgrove Garden.** The team members attend Gardening Scotland.
- 10.00 **Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** With archive footage of Rick Stein.
- 11.30 **The Hairy Bikers' Asian Adventure.** Dave and Si discover the historic roots of Japanese cuisine. (R)
- 12.00 **Tom Kerridge's Proper Pub Food.** Classic pub fare, including Caesar salad, fish and chips and pork scratchings. (R)
- 12.30 **FILM: How the West Was Won (1962).** Epic Western, starring James Stewart and John Wayne.
- 3.00 **Flog It!** From Warminster in Wiltshire. (R)
- 4.00 **Gymnastics: Women's European Championships.** Matt Baker presents live coverage of the team and apparatus finals.
- 6.00 **Britain's Ultimate Pilots: Inside the RAF.** The Red Arrows continue to have bad luck with the weather. The RAF's fastest jet appears in a display over Bournemouth and the pilots receive some shocking news. Last in the series. (R)
- 7.00 **Dara and Ed's Great Big Adventure.** Ed Byrne and Dara O Briain retrace a journey taken by three men from Detroit during the 1940s, embarking on a 4,000-mile pan-American adventure. (R)
- 8.00 **Top Gear.** Chris, Matt and Eddie take Sharleen Spiteri, Seasick Steve and Tinie Tempah on an SUV test in South Africa, and Damian Lewis is this week's Star in a Rallycross Car.
- 9.00 **City in the Sky.** New series. Dallas Campbell and Dr Hannah Fry present a documentary exploring aviation, beginning with a look at the challenges of getting passenger planes into the air.
- 10.00 **Stupid Man, Smart Phone.** Russell Kane turns to his phone for help in climbing the Dolomite Mountains of Italy accompanied by internet star Humza Arshad, who has rarely set foot outside of London.
- 10.50 **Fiat TV.** Tom is obsessed with his new neighbour and ends up breaking into her home, while Naz invents a new sauce.
- 11.15 **Later - with Jools Holland.** Extended edition of the music programme, featuring performances by Tame Impala, Biffy Clyro, Michael Kiwanuka, Moon Hooch, James Blake and Lera Lynn. Last in the series. (R)
- 12.20 **Sign Zone: Countryfile.** (R)
- 1.15 **Sign Zone: Holby City.** (R)
- 2.15 **This Is BBC2.**
- 5.45 **Council House Crackdown.** (R)

ITV

- 6.00 **CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show!** Pat & Stan 6.30 **Dino Dan** 6.45 **Dino Dan** 6.55 **Signed Stories: Share a Story** 7.00 **Sooty** 7.15 **Super 4** 7.30 **Nerds & Monsters** 7.45 **The Tom & Jerry Show** 8.00 **Teen Titans Go!**
- 8.25 **ITV News.**
- 8.30 **Weekend.** With guests Hugh Dennis, Patricia Clarkson and Gyles Brandreth. Max Jury performs live in the studio.
- 9.25 **Griff's Great Britain.** Griff Rhys Jones travels from Scarborough to Whitby on the North Yorkshire coast as he investigates the nation's passion for being beside the sea. (R)
- 10.00 **Peston on Sunday.** Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston, with ITV News National Editor Allegra Stratton.
- 11.00 **The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.** The host takes his successful talk show stateside, where he invites American guests to air their differences, and dispenses his own judgment on the situation.
- 11.50 **ITV News and Weather; Weather.**
- 12.00 **Planet's Got Talent.** A man covers himself in giant crabs. Last in the series. (R)
- 12.30 **Fierce.** In South Africa, naturalist Steve Backshall goes in search of a pack of rare and endangered wild dogs, and helps tag a martial eagle. Last in the series. (R)
- 1.30 **Live French Open Tennis.** Coverage of the 15th day's play at Roland Garros, featuring the men's singles final in the second Grand Slam tournament of the year, which was won by Stan Wawrinka last year. Coverage continues on ITV4.
- 5.45 **ITV News Central; Weather.**
- 5.50 **ITV News and Weather.**
- 6.00 **Soccer Aid 2016.** Jose Mourinho and Claudio Ranieri manage the pro-celebrity teams for the charity football match, live from Old Trafford, as England take on the Rest of the World (Kick-off 8.00pm).
- 10.00 **ITV News and Weather; Weather.**
- 10.20 **Fraud - How They Steal Your ID.** The various techniques used by criminals to swindle online customers of their cash, including data hacks, spam e-mail and malware. Narrated by Shaun Dooley. (R)
- 11.20 **Tippling Point.** Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard, in which contestants answer questions to win turns on an arcade-style machine that releases tokens worth thousands of pounds. (R)
- 12.20 **Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
- 3.00 **Motorsport UK.** Action from Donington Park, featuring the MSA Formula Championship and the Ginetta GT4 Supercup. Commentary by Richard John Neil.
- 3.50 **ITV Nightscreen.**
- 5.05 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues, and provides them with his own brand of no-nonsense advice. (R)

Channel 4

- 6.00 **Salvage SOS.** The team visits a disused church.
- 6.25 **Salvage SOS.** The crew salvages items from a barn and carriage house that was built in 1892.
- 6.50 **Salvage SOS.** The team extracts stained glass windows from a church in North Carolina, that was built in 1905.
- 7.10 **The King of Queens.** Doug's big-screen TV goes missing. (R)
- 7.35 **The King of Queens.** Doug and Carrie go to a baseball game. (R)
- 8.00 **Frasier.** The shrink receives an award. (R)
- 8.30 **Frasier.** The shrink takes his son camping. (R)
- 9.00 **Frasier.** The Crane brothers join a car repair class. (R)
- 9.30 **Sunday Brunch.** With guests Karl Pilkington, Rick Edwards, Michaela Strachan and Oli White.
- 12.30 **The Simpsons.** Bart is placed on medication. (R)
- 12.55 **FILM: Step Up 3 (2010).** Dance drama sequel, starring Rick Malambri.
- 3.05 **Location, Location, Location.** Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer catch up with two more couples. (R)
- 4.05 **A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun.** Scarlett Douglas helps a couple find a retirement home in Gran Canaria.
- 5.05 **FILM: The Jungle Book (1967).** Disney animated adventure, with the voice of Phil Harris.
- 6.35 **Channel 4 News.**
- 7.00 **Escape to the Chateau.** New series. Series following a British family that buys and restores a French chateau. Their new home has stood empty for 40 years, and has no electricity, heating or water.
- 8.00 **Penelope Keith at Her Majesty's Service.** New series. The actress travels the country to visit the Queen's residences. The journey begins in Windsor Castle, where she finds out about Britain's oldest order of chivalry.
- 9.00 **FILM: About Time (2013).** Premiere. A man learns he has the ability to travel through time and uses the power to improve his love life. Romantic fantasy comedy, with Domhnall Gleeson and Rachel McAdams.
- 11.25 **FILM: Bad Teacher (2011).** A cynical, hard-drinking teacher hopes to seduce a wealthy substitute, making an enemy of a squeaky-clean colleague in the process. Comedy, with Cameron Diaz and Justin Timberlake.
- 1.10 **Million Pound Properties.** Buying and selling with property millionaires. (R)
- 2.05 **Come Dine with Me.** Tracey Durrant hosts the first dinner party in Stoke-on-Trent. (R)
- 2.35 **Come Dine with Me.** Claire Crank hosts the second party in Stoke-on-Trent. (R)
- 3.05 **Come Dine with Me.** (R)
- 3.35 **Come Dine with Me.** (R)
- 4.00 **Come Dine with Me.** (R)
- 4.30 **Win It Cook It.**
- 5.00 **The Restoration Man.** Transforming a church in the Devon fishing port of Brixham. (R)
- 5.55 **Will & Grace.** (R)

Channel 5

- 6.00 **Milkshake!** Peppa Pig 6.05 **Toby's Travelling Circus** 6.15 **Angelina Ballerina** 6.30 **Bob the Builder** 6.40 **Wanda and the Alien** 6.50 **Zack and Quack** 7.05 **Pets** 7.10 **Noddy in Toyland** 7.20 **Paw Patrol** 7.35 **Little Princess** 7.50 **Pip Ahoy!** 8.05 **Blaze and the Monster Machines** 8.30 **Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom** 8.45 **Shimmer and Shine** 9.15 **Jelly Jamm** 9.30 **LazyTown**
- 9.55 **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** The Turtles get whisked through time by apprentice Time Master Renet. (R)
- 10.30 **Funnytots, Falls & Flops.** Comedy clip show featuring pranks gone wrong. (R)
- 11.00 **Now That's Funny!** Internet-sourced videos with an amusing family friendly hook. (R)
- 12.00 **FILM: See No Evil, Hear No Evil (1989).** Comedy, starring Richard Pryor and Gene Wilder.
- 1.50 **FILM: Spies Like Us (1985).** Comedy, starring Chevy Chase and Dan Aykroyd.
- 3.45 **FILM: Wayne's World (1992).** Comedy, starring Mike Myers and Dana Carvey.
- 5.35 **5 News Weekend.**
- 5.40 **FILM: Six Days Seven Nights (1998).** A bickering journalist and pilot are stranded on a desert island, and face a series of dangers as they struggle to survive. Romantic adventure, with Harrison Ford and Anne Heche. Edited for language, nudity and sexual content.
- 7.40 **FILM: PS I Love You (2007).** A series of letters written to a woman by her husband before he died sends her on numerous adventures and helps her to move on. Romantic drama, with Hilary Swank and Gerard Butler.
- 10.00 **Most Shocking Celebrity Moments.** Countdown of the biggest showbusiness stories and scandals of 2015, including Bruce Jenner's transition to Caitlyn and the Top Gear bust-up involving Jeremy Clarkson. (R)
- 12.55 **SuperCasino.** Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
- 3.10 **Inside the Murder Prison.** Journalist Paul Connolly revisits footage from his investigations into some of the most intimidating prisons in the world. (R)
- 4.00 **Shops & Robbers: Caught on Camera.** Nick Wallis meets a seasoned CCTV operator in Stafford, who catches a drug user after spotting him on camera. Plus, a control room operative looking out for shoplifters in Woking. (R)
- 4.50 **Nick's Quest.** Nick Baker reports on measures to protect leatherback turtles from extinction, visiting nesting colonies in Costa Rica's Playa Grande. (R)
- 5.20 **Nick's Quest.** Roving naturalist Nick Baker encounters endangered mountain gorillas in the wilds of Uganda's dense Bwindi Forest. (R)
- 5.45 **Angels of Jarm.** The children learn the value of patience while making cards. (R)
- 5.50 **Angels of Jarm.** Faith tries to pull a big box and realises she is not going to be able to manage alone. (R)



There were pirates on the streets of Welshpool this year



A nun made an appearance during the Welshpool festivities



Children were involved in all aspects of the carnival

Colourful carnival!

Report by Naomi Penrose

FROM cavemen to nuns, this year's Welshpool Carnival once again had a whole mix of attractions to entertain and amuse visitors from near and far.

With a Mardi Gras theme this year, many people took the opportunity to dress up as they took part in the popular carnival procession through the streets of Welshpool.

And there was a sea of smiling faces throughout the town on Bank Holiday Monday, not just because of the fantastic attractions on show, but also because of the glorious sunny weather.

Home town athletic star Adele Nicoll had the honour of opening the event.

The carnival itself was held on Maesydre Recreation Ground but before the fun started there, the town came to a halt to watch the carnival procession make its way through the streets of the town.

The day got started as this year's carnival queen Sian Williams and her attendants arrived to the event in style, on board the Welshpool and Llanfair Light Railway, in time for the procession.

The procession left Berriew Street car park at 1pm, led by the Batala Bermo Band, before ending at Maesydre Recreation Ground, where Adele officially opened the event.

The field was packed with various attractions and entertainment including fairground rides, bouncy castles/inflatables, ferret racing, donkey derby, donkey rides and quad bikes, and the main arena featured performances from Cambria Band, Eleri Willson, winner of Welshpool Talent Show, and a dancing segment.

The carnival has been an annual event in the town since it was revived during the 1960s.



Welshpool's streets were packed for the carnival. Photos: Jamie Ricketts.



People of all ages had a great time at this year's Welshpool Carnival



Some of the procession took a step back to the time of the caveman



There was lots of music at this year's event



Judges - Mayor Steve Kaye, Glyn Davies MP, Andrew Logan and Adele Nicoll



Lauren Kynaston of Year 10 appeared at the event



Kira Scott of Year 13 performed at the Spring Serenade



Mia McKay from Year 7 entertains the audience



Sonny Nicholson, Chris Larkin and Rhys Ashley of Year 11 performed at the Spring Serenade concert

School students show off talents

STUDENTS at the Marches School in Oswestry have been showing off their impressive talents at an annual music concert.

More than 50 students at the school took part in the annual Spring Serenade concert, performing in front of their friends, family and school teachers.

The audience at the event was greeted with strawberries and cream before the musical celebration began.

A range of performances from Years 7 to 13 students impressed the audience with their talent, confidence and professionalism.

After the Spring Serenade, parents were given the opportunity to attend a Digital Devices session at the school.

During that Digital Devices session parents were given the opportunity to enjoy a short demonstration.

And also during the session information was given about a new app that the school hope to use in the future.

The app allows staff to send accurate home-

Report by Naomi Penrose

work instructions to students, with added functions to show attendance, reward points and assessment grades.

Harriet Craddock, music teacher at The Marches School, said the Spring Serenade concert was a huge success.

She said: "I would like to give a special mention to our youngest soloist Mia McKay in Year 7 who performed a breath-taking 'You've Got A Friend In Me' made famous from the film Toy Story."

"I would also like to give a huge congratulations to all the students who took part, showcasing the sheer talent we have here at The Marches School."

As well as young soloist Mia McKay, other students who showed off their performing skills at the annual Spring Serenade concert at the school included Sonny Nicholson, Chris Larkin and Rhys Ashley from Year 11 and Year 10's Lauren Kynaston.

Kira Scott from Year 13 also performed on the day while a performance was given by members of the Marches School Choir.



Rhys Ashley of Year 11 entertained the audience



The Marches School Choir performed at the annual Spring Serenade concert

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Frank Ernest Graham

Former Landlord of The Firtree, Crew Green. Devoted Husband of the late Betty. Much loved Father and Father-in-law to Diana and David. Dear Uncle and Brother-in-law. Passed away peacefully on May 26, 2016, aged 82 years.

Funeral Service will take place at St Michael's and All Angels Church, Alberbury on Monday, June 13, 2016, at 10.45am.

Family flowers only please. All kind donations will be divided between The PSP Association and the Church.

All inquiries please to

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JONES
Enid

Of Wedge Mews, Oswestry. Passed away peacefully at her home on May 24, 2016, aged 73 years. Beloved Mum of Gary and Steven and a much loved little Nan of Sarah.

A private Burial will take place, followed by a Memorial Service at St. Oswald's Parish Church, Oswestry, on Tuesday, June 7, at 2pm.

Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to Action for Kids.

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Lilian Mary

(Mary)

Hilton, Heather, Kirk and Daniel would like to thank the many Family and Friends who attended Mary's Funeral Service on May 18 at Oswestry Methodist Church and for all the flowers, cards, donations, messages and tributes they received at this sad time.

A special thank you to Rev Andrew Evans who conducted a beautiful Service and to Margaret Hogg who played the Organ and lead the wonderful hymn singing.

Also thank you to Nick and his Team from David Davies & Sons for their professionalism and support and to Members of Oswestry Methodist Church who helped us give Mary a perfect Funeral and thank you to Sweeney Hall for their hospitality.

LAWTON

Denis

(Bonny Lad)

Carol and Family would like to thank all Serving, ex Light Infantry, 5LI, Shropshire ACF and Friends of the Family who attended Denis' Funeral at Emstrey Crematorium, Shrewsbury on May 5, 2016.

Special thanks goes to Phil Niblock for conducting a beautiful Service, the LI Buglers (Veterans) for playing the Last Post and Reville, Tim Gallaway from the Oswestry Branch of the LI Association, Andrew and Staff at W.E. Price Funeral Directors, Oswestry and last but not least Jane and her Staff at The Peacock, Shrewsbury for the use of the room and lovely food.

A total of £440 has been received in donations and forwarded onto Help for Heroes Fund.

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She added that Arthurs always made her feel 'special' and she liked their 'open and honest' approach to selling cars.

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George are main men with a win over Lion

GEORGE moved joint top of the Oswestry and District Bowling League division three after pulling off a stunning 8-2 victory at Black Lion.

Merv Roberts led the charge with a 21-5 display as the George silenced the Lion's roar with an 18-shots (144-126) triumph.

Andy Knott also won to 13, while the Lion, themselves one time leaders, responded through Chris Lloyd (21-6) and Karl Adams (21-12). Victory took George top of the division on shots difference from Johnstown B, while Black Lion slipped to fifth as a result of the defeat.

At the other end of the table, ELLESMERE A notched their first win in seven attempts with a timely 7-3 (31 shots) success at home to basement rivals Ruabon B, with victory built on a terrific 21-1 verdict from Ambrose Mochan.

Philip Pierpoint was the pick of the winners to seven as WHITTINGTON E also eased their basement worries by overcoming FOX LANE 7-3 (152-131), Ben Parkes responding 21-10.

Second placed LLANYMYNECH B maintained their early challenge in division four after their 8-2 (157-83) home verdict against Johnstown D.

They were helped on the way with a walkover, while Kieran Jones won to five, and James Candlin and Derek Newness both to six.

High-riding IFTON continued their winning start to move seven points clear at the top of division five.

Gareth Williams led the way with a 21-0 whitewash, while it was a good night for the Metcalfes with Curtis winning to four, Tanya to six and Sybil to seven.

WESTON RHYN B are looking good in second spot after a hard-fought 6-4 home verdict against CHURCH D, taking the aggregate by just eight shots.

Ron Tudor won to eight, and Jason Leightwood to 10, while Patrick Bennett (21-8) was the best of the replays.

Meanwhile, CRIFTINS C boosted their hopes of escaping the basement in division two with a welcome 7-3 (152-113) home success over Ye Olde Crofte A.

Terry Lewis and Denis Jones, who won to four and six, led the way for the Dudson Heath side who lie second bottom.

Ifton up to second after slender win

IFTON moved back up to second place in the Flowfit Shropshire Premier Bowls League after returning to winning ways with a 9-5 home success over Chester Road.

Carl Roberts was the best winner when prevailing 21-7 to put the St Martins side on course for a slender seven shots (208-202) victory, that now sees the eight points adrift of leaders St Georges.

They now head to Newport on Friday night looking for a healthy haul of points against the previous champions who have suffered a mixed season to date.

Brian Hayes took the most valuable player honour for Ifton for his 21-16 victory against Paul Latham, while skipper Dicky Jones won to 12 and Rocky Jones to 13.

Darren Lacey was another to prevail 21-13, Nicky Jones took his game 21-17 while Dave Bond, who edged through 21-19, made up the list of winners. Geraint Williams and Martin Jones both lost to 19.

It was a pleasing response after Ifton had slipped to third the week before when being well beaten 12-2 away to Wem USC, who made a mockery of their poor form this season after starting the night at the foot of the table.

St Georges are looking in good shape at the top, extending their lead to eight points after their 11-3 romp at home to Wrockwardine Wood.

On-a-roll Humphreys a winner again

IN-FORM Graham Humphreys maintained his 100 per cent record as Whittington A stayed hard on the heels of the leaders in the Oswestry and District Bowling League division one with a 9-1 (162-101) home hammering of lowly Corwen A, writes JOHN BRIDGWATER.

Humphreys (21-18) made it eight wins out of eight to say top of the first division averages, while Julian Turner proved too hot to handle in winning 21-3 for the best of the night. Aled Davies was another fine single figure performer to five.

The villagers are one point adrift of leaders Ceiriog Valley A who swept aside Overton A 9-1, taking the aggregate by 51 (155-104).

At the other end of the table, CHURCH A are finding the going tough this season, and remain at the basement after their 8-2 (151-123) reverse at home to Llangollen A.

Wins from Phil Laker (21-10) and Brian Canlett (21-15) could not save the Oswestry side who are three points adrift at the bottom.

WESTON RHYN A, two points above the two

basement places, were disappointed to finish 5-5 at home to Johnstown B.

Despite two single figure winners, Sue Taylor to five and Pip Penrose to eight, the had to rely on taking the aggregate by six (143-137) to earn parity.

CRIFTINS A succumbed 8-2 (158-96) at Johnstown A. Tom Griffiths (21-13) the best of their replies, while Chirk A trounced visiting Ruabon A 9-1 (166-125).

Second placed LLANYMYNECH A kept up the good work in division two with an exciting 6-4 win at CRIFTINS B after the aggregate had been tied at 145 each.

Roger Candlin maintained his good run with a 21-8 success while Mark Kirkham came from 10-2 down to win 21-20, one of several close games on the night.

LLANRHAEDR A also consolidated their place in the leading pack after prevailing 8-2 win at home to CHURCH B, with 23 shots (150-127) separating the sides.

Dave Roberts led the way 21-7. Emyr Roberts was

next best to 16, while Glenys Jones, who continued her good form with a 21-8 success, and William Lewis (21-16) replied for the visitors.

ELLESMERE B, in third, kept up the pressure by winning 8-2 (165-114) against visitors Llangynog A, John Harrison (21-5) their best of the night.

WHITTINGTON B were whitewashed 10-0 (168-104) at high flying Flexsys A to remain in the lower reaches of the table. Victory took Flexsys two points clear of Llanymynech in second.

YE OLDE CROFTE A went down 7-3 at home to Cynwyd A, losing the aggregate by three (150-147), their best reply coming from Iain Butler (21-15).

Next weeks's fixtures

Tuesday (June 7) - Division one: Johnstown B v Ceiriog Valley A, Ruabon A v Whittington A, Criftins A v Chirk A, Overton A v Church A, Llangollen A v Weston Rhyn A, Corwen A v Johnstown A.

Division two: Llangynog A v Criftins B, Church B v Ye Olde Crofte A, Llanymynech A v Flexsys A, Whittington B v Ellesmere B, Cynwyd A v Bertram.

Wednesday - Division two: Criftins C v Llannrhaeadr A.

Morda sign off with cup final triumph

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

MAGNIFICENT Morda United completed an outstanding end to the season after maintaining their winning ways by lifting the Montgomeryshire League Cup with a 2-0 victory over Meifod in the final at Newtown's Latham Park.

Victory, courtesy of goals in each half from Emlyn Williams and Adam Jones, stretched Morda's unbeaten run to 15 games - the last 11 being wins - to spark deserved celebrations for the Weston Road club.

Both sides were slow to settle playing under lights on the large Newtown pitch, but Morda took the lead on the quarter hour when a flowing move involving Danny Owen, Graham Kirkham and Nathan Richards was neatly finished off by Emlyn Williams.

Meifod were in no mood to surrender, but, despite their best efforts, could not find a way past a resolute Morda defence, well marshalled by skipper Steve Bishton.

John Butler nearly notched a second for the Weston Road men, but his header was cleared off the line by a Meifod defender.

Penalty

Despite having to make two substitutions before the break, Morda came out fighting in the second period and were denied a penalty when Adam Jones appeared to be felled in the box. However, a free kick for a subsequent foul on Jones led to the second goal when Jones fired home after an intelligent low free-kick across the box from Kyle Wilson.

The recent programme of two fixtures per week began to take its toll on Morda and all five substitutes were needed as they repelled a determined but sporting Meifod side who stuck to their task until the final whistle.

A few days before, Morda secured their place in the final after coming from behind to seal a 3-2 victory over Waterloo Rovers Res in the



MORDA United players celebrate after winning the Montgomeryshire League Cup with a 2-0 final victory over Meifod at Newtown

semi-final.

Morda conceded an early goal against Rovers before hitting back to equalise through an Emlyn Williams penalty awarded for hand ball.

Williams missed a second spot kick, but made no mistake soon afterwards when putting his side ahead with a tap in from an accurate Graham Kirkham cross.

Waterloo equalised after the break from a penalty themselves but, with 20 minutes remaining, Kyle Wilson clinched a final place for Morda with a superb header.

It has been an outstanding season for Morda who

finished second by just one point behind champions Llanaif United reserves in the Montgomeryshire League division one.

They went close to claiming the Llansantffraid Village Cup only to lose in the final, before winning the Montgomeryshire League Cup.

Postponements due to the wet weather earlier in the season had left them with a daunting finish to the season.

However, Colin Turner's spirited side proved up to the task by winning their last 11 games to end their campaign in style.

Firsts march on but lights out for seconds

TENNIS by John Bridgwater

they played their first fixture away at Shrewsbury tennis club in division 4N.

With two of the regular squad unavailable, captain Linda Clark had to call upon the services of Jo Dalietos and Nicki Hughes from the third team.

The first pair of Linda Clark, who was having to partner Carolyn Yates, soon trailed 1-4 in the first set against the Shrewsbury first pair.

However, they fought their way back to overhaul their opponents to clinch the set 7-5, and went on to win the second set by the same score line.

The second pair of Dalietos and Hughes found the going tough and struggled against a very strong second pair before succumbing 3-6, 1-6.

In the reverse rubbers, Clark and Yates dropped the first set 5-7, but took the second 6-3 and so the rubber went into a deciding third set tie break.

With the score at 3-3, the floodlights failed but, when the lights were restored after a 20-minute break, the Oswestry pair had lost their momentum and went down in the tiebreak. Dalietos and Hughes also lost in their second rubber 2-6, 1-6.

Griffiths is riding high with win in Paragon TT

WITH competitions for both solo and two-up pairs, round three of the Oswestry Paragon evening time trials series saw 55 riders in action on the Queens Head-Gobowen course.

The fastest solo rider on the night, in only his second time trial of the year was Dave Griffiths, the Oswestry rider who this year is in the colours of Mammoth RT. He clocked 21 minutes 17 seconds, giving him a comfortable winning margin over Andrew Campbell of Fibrax-Wrexham (22.56).

Two Mid Shropshire Wheelers juniors fought it out for third and fourth places with Kieran Morris (24.00) getting the better of James Bell by just a second.

Andrew Davies was again quickest of the Paragon riders finishing in 24.43 ahead of team mate Rob Kerr (25.21). David Fanning of Clwb Beicio Bala took eight places in a season's best time of 25.50 putting him two seconds ahead of Dean Hornsey.

The battle for 10th place was hard fought amongst the Oswestry Paragon members with Tony Paul (26.16) coming home ahead of Glyn Jones (26.52).

Bruce Selby was a further three seconds back in 26.55 getting under the 27-minute mark for the first time this year.

The evening also saw the fastest time ever set on the course with the Fibrax-Wrexham tandem pairing of Howard and Becky Lewis crossing the line in an amazing 20.18.

There were also 18 pairs of two-up teams competing in round three of the season long series for SCCA member clubs promoted by Coaching Revolutions.

Both Hafren CC and Nova Raiders CC were both represented with the Hafren pairing of Bryn Davies and Peter Thomas coming out on top in a time of 22.01.

The reigning champions Ed Middleton and Scott Harris of Nova Raiders CC were half a minute down, with Chris Hill and Dilwyn Griffiths of Hafren taking third in exactly 23 minutes.

A notable feature of this Series is the number of young riders it attracts, with five young riders aged from 12-15 in competition.

Returns from Shropshire golf clubs

HENLLIE PARK

John Osman Cup: S Heathcock and J Harris 73pts; B Morris and S Morris 69pts; P Roberts and A Harris 67pts.

Wednesday Night 9 Hole Comp: J John 21pts; N Flack 20pts; J Harris 19pts.
Ladies Day: J Butt, J Alsop, A Dodd & P Brodie 95pts; S Madders, A Mountford, S Field & S Bowden 94pts; M Lynch, M Dunbar, M Male & D Jones 93pts. Nearest the Pin: J Holland. Longest Drive: M Lynch.

Seniors' Stroke Play Division 1: A Hardy net 65; C Clarke net 67; R Collins net 69. Division 2: J Thomas net 68; H Harris net 73; N Russell net 77.

LLANYMYNECH

Llanymynech Spring Open AMAM: P Edwards (Vicars Cross), S Hellam (Pryors Hayes), D Ankers (Pryors Hayes), T Sharp 88pts (Vicars Cross) 88pts; L Berriman (Bridgnorth), R Perks (Bridgnorth), S Reeve (Bridgnorth), M Pratt (Bridgnorth) 83pts; S Holland (Sandwell Park), M Powell (Sandwell Park), S Bamford (Sandwell Park), D Jones (Sandwell Park) 81pts; I Chilton (Vicars Cross), V Royle (Vicars Cross), R Baird (Vicars Cross), I Glover (Burton on Trent) 80pts.

Ladies' Lady Captain's Weekend (Wychwood Park): Frances Johnson Trophy: J Howell 30pts (cb); J Line 30pts; P Worden 24pts.

AM/AM Stableford Pinner: J Howell, L Moss, S Rowlands, J Barlow 61pts. Runners up: Lady Captain, A Hindmarch, R Lockyer, V Jones 56pts.

Coronation Cup Winner: P Worden 96-22-74. Runner Up: G Spier 111-36-75.

Exchange to Market Drayton Outing Cup Winner: S Bonsall 30pts. Runner Up: C Broughall 29pts.

OSWESTRY

Medical Trophy (For Better Ball Medal): A Harrison and G MacKenzie 63; S Skelton and A Smith 59; J Mike Jones and Mark Evans 60; G Richards and B Woosnam 64 (cb); K Manning and M Edge 64 (cb); S Ashworth and G Evans 64 (cb).

Thursday Medal: O Jennings 73-6-67; J Lawes 74-5-69; M Jennings 79-9-70; N Kershaw 81-10-71 (cb); R Williams 84-13-71; K Edwards 78-7-72. Best Gross: O Jennings 73.

Seniors' Stableford: J Chenhall 38pts; S Chalener 37pts (cb); S Hibbert 37pts (cb); G Jones 37pts; G Hughes 36pts (cb); M Smith (340) 30pts.

Ladies' Ladies 9 Hole Competition: V Griffiths 15pts; M Evans 10pts.

EG Medal Silver Division: R Wigley 93-19-74 (cb); D S Jones 91-17-74 (cb); M Alford 93-19-74 (cb). (Mary Alford qualified to play at Shrewsbury Golf Club on September 14 for The Ritchie salver).

Bronze Division: V Challener 98-25-73; B Warner 99-25-74; A Barker 103-28-75; Upper Bronze Division: M Shakeshaft 107-36-71; E Jones 107-31-76; H Williamson 116-35-81 (cb).

It's Miles better for Oswestry on travels

SKIPPER Jonathan Miles led the way as Oswestry got back on track in the Birmingham Cricket League division two with an impressive 81-run win away to Stratford-upon-Avon.

While the Morda Road men have lost all three games at home this season, Saturday's victory was their second on the road, and augurs well for improved fortunes this term.

Miles cracked 71 as Oswestry reached 237-6 in 50 overs at the picturesque Swan's Nest Lane ground, sharing a six-wicket stand of 120 with Joe Carrasco (66), himself making his seasonal debut after returning from university.

Earlier, opening bat Warrick Fynn had got the innings off to a good start after continuing his consistent form with 55.

Captain Miles then took two early wickets to put the skids under the Stratford reply, finishing with a miserly 2-18 off his 10 overs.

Spinners Charlie Morris (4-29) and Mark Robinson (2-35) then kept a tight grip on the Stratford innings, which ended with two-run outs and a total of 156.

OSWESTRY II continued their good run in the Birmingham 2nd XI League division one with a comprehensive success against a weak Shrewsbury II side at Morda Road.

Wickets

There were two wickets each for Sam Davies, Josh Coleridge (both 2-25) and Ben Parker-Marshall (2-47) as Shrewsbury were bowled out for 180.

That total was never going to be enough on a good Morda Road track, with Alun Morris making the most of the conditions in hitting 82 and Coleridge unbeaten on 55.

In the end, Oswestry won with ease as they rattled up 182-2 with nearly 20 overs to spare.

OSWESTRY III went down by 37 runs at Wellington V in the Henshalls Shropshire Sunday League division one.

Wellington were bowled out for 197, with Owen Aspinall taking 6-48, but Os were then dismissed for 160, despite fine innings by Matty Davies (33no), Alex Roberts (33), Matt Whitbread and Martin Chambers (both 27).

■ Oswestry's senior side are home to Halesowen on Saturday, with the action getting under way at midday, while the second team travel to Astwood Bank (12.30pm).

Oswestry III visit Sentinel III on Sunday, while the fourths – who had no game last weekend – take on Wellington IV at Morda Road on Sunday (both 1.30pm).

Former TNS man Fowler joins Bucks

MIDFIELDER Lee Fowler, who had a spell with Welsh Premier champions The New Saints a few seasons back, has joined AFC Telford United.

The 33-year-old former Welsh under-21 international arrives after being released from National League outfit Wrexham, and brings barrels of experience to the Bucks midfield.

The Cardiff-born former Kidderminster Harriers man has also had stints at Coventry City and Huddersfield Town, as well as Fleetwood, TNS and Wrexham.

He joined Wrexham last season, finding first-team football difficult to come by and spending a spell on loan at the Bucks' National League North rivals Tamworth.

Fowler, who has 12 caps for the Welsh under-21s, becomes boss Rob Smith's fourth new signing of the summer.

Monty suffer defeat after a rare off-day

CRICKET by John Bridgwater

HIGH-RIDING Montgomery saw their lead at the top of the Henshalls Shropshire Cricket League division two trimmed to just five points after suffering their first defeat of the season when beaten by seven wickets at second placed Prees.

Option to bat first, Monty were restricted to 165-9 in 45 overs, Aaron Ruff-Cock top scoring on 41 and Andrew Barker finishing unbeaten on 26, with Martin Williams taking a miserly 3-28 from 15 overs.

Opening bat Stephen Williams then led the reply by hitting 94, Andy Darlington also weighing in with 35 as Prees reached their target with nine overs to spare.

Monty, who were 25 points clear at the start of the day, picked up just four points for their efforts as their rival challengers closed the gap in emphatic fashion.

All rounder Joe Haycock scored his first half century to help mid-table **MONTGOMERY II** to a 105-run victory over Condover II in the reserve division two.

Put in to bat, Monty posted 179-9 in 40 overs, before the bowlers sent their Shrewsbury visitors back for just 74 in the 31st over, opener Jonathan Williams hit 33 before being run out, with No3 Haycock helping to keep the scoreboard ticking for the Powys hosts.

Support

Condover had little answer to the home attack in reply, with Haycock completing a creditable all round game with 4-31 off nine overs, while Jack Williams finished with 3-11.

ELLESMERE continue to languish in the lower regions of division two after suffering a six wicket loss away to Willey.

Put in to bat, they were bowled out for 184 in the 43rd over, with Tom Davies (42) and Fraser Duncan (33) making the chief contributions, Glenn Edwards halted the progress with 3-18.

Willey were up for the chase and, after a couple of setbacks, with Tom Davies taking 3-48, they timed their response well to get home for the loss of four wickets in the 47th over.

An unbroken fifth wicket partnership proved key with Stuart Shepherd hitting an unbeaten 68 while Lindsey Rudd (27no) gave support at the other end.

While Willey claimed 20 points to move clear of the basement pack, the Meresiders returned with just six to stay third bottom.

ELLESMERE II succumbed by eight wickets at home to their Willey counterparts in the reserve division two after being dismissed for 111.

Jasper Wirdnam (24) and Reece Evans (21) provided most resistance for the Meresiders along with 25 extras, but Simon McCutcheon's undefeated 33 guided the visitors to a comfortable victory.

COBRA fall at the final hurdle



Scrum-half Mat Griffiths strives for a way through the Machynlleth defence, with flanker Nathan Thomas in close support and (below) flanker Iolo White is held up by a couple of tacklers



COBRA'S second string missed out on some end-of-season silverware after losing 19-12 to Machynlleth in the Mid Wales Shield final at Llanidloes.

Despite scoring two tries, the Meifod men were always trailing in the sun drenched affair as Mach ended their own campaign on a high.

Three penalties from Steffan

Price gave Mach a 9-0 advantage, before COBRA reduced the arrears at the break with a fine try

from centre Matthew Jones who sped over under the posts following a good move at the back of the scrum, Rhodri Davies converting the score.

After the interval, a fourth penalty from Price made it 12-7 to Mach, and the fly half then

converted a try from prop Dylan Jones to extend the lead to 19-12.

COBRA had their chances, and quickly reduced the arrears with hooker James Thomas going over for an unconverted score.

But despite their efforts, they fell just short, as Mach held firm to record a battling victory with the kicking of Price proving decisive.

Ali certain Shropshire can be a three-day hit

OMAR ALI, the big-hitting Shropshire batsman, insists the county are determined to launch their Unicorns Championship Western Division season in style ahead of this weekend's opener at home to Dorset.

The three-day game gets under way at Whitechurch on Sunday, with Ali looking forward to returning to Heath Road, a ground he knows well from spending three seasons as a Whitechurch player earlier in his career.

Ali, the younger brother of Worcestershire and England star Moeen, admits Shropshire failed to do themselves justice in losing three of their four Unicorns Trophy games in the early weeks of the season as they suffered an early exit from the one-day competition.

But he's hopeful the three-day game will suit Shropshire much more as they prepare to take on Dorset.

"We're looking to get a win to start off the competition," said Ali, part of the Shropshire side which enjoyed the better of a draw against Dorset at Bournemouth last July. "After our performances in the one-dayers, we were really disappointed, so we're all raring to go for the three-dayers.

"Before the one-day competition started we were all positive, but it wasn't to be."

The first ball will be bowled at Whitechurch at 11am on Sunday with admission free.

The only way is up for Cae Glas cricket

THERE is an unwanted double for Cae Glas whose two sides currently find themselves languishing at the foot of their respective Shropshire League divisions.

While the first team prop up division two after their 84-run reverse at home to Welshpool, the seconds are not faring any better in the reserve division two.

Their woes continued with an eight wicket loss at Porton II, after being skittled for just 56 before their hosts rattled off the modest target inside nine overs.

Opener Antony Barrett saw Forton home with a run-a-ball 34 not out, while Nathan Bertram took both wickets to fall.

GUILDSFIELD lost ground on the leaders in the Shropshire League division four after crashing to a 137-run reverse against Bridgnorth III at Chelmarsh.

Put in to bat, Bridgnorth prospered as they rattled up 260-6 in 39 overs, with wicketkeeper Guy Black hammering a magnificent unbeaten 129.

Guildsfield were then sent back for 123 in reply, Dave Lewis making 35 and tailender David Harris 33, while Joseph Stallman took four wickets.

Boss Breeze leaves Forden after title win

JUST a few weeks after leading Forden United to the Montgomeryshire League Mitsubishi division two title, player boss Neil Breeze has stepped down.

Chairman Mike Evans paid tribute to the efforts of Breeze who guided United to promotion in his third year at the helm.

"The committee and I would like to express our thanks and gratitude to Neil Breeze for all the effort and hard work that he has put into the club over the last three years," he said

"It is a great shame that we are losing Neil after re-forming the club and putting Forden back on the map, but we all wish him all the best in his next venture."

Anyone interested in applying for the manager's job should contact Mike Evans on 07801 184370.

By Eck! Six of best can't save Frankton

CRICKET by John Bridgwater

Jason Brookes cracked 56 and Will James 51 to steer Frankton to 202-8 in 45 overs, Ben Roberts checking their progress with 4-52 off 13 overs.

Richard Lammie then took three wickets in Ludlow's reply, but the south Shropshire visitors held out for a draw on 167-8.

KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY secured a creditable losing draw at early pacesetters Newtown in division one to return with 10 points.

A half century from Ally Laird helped Newtown to 176-9 in 50 overs, Joel Whitehouse taking 3-50 and Jak Jones 2-14.

In reply, Knockin came up short on 152-8, Gary Darlington top scoring on 37 and Dave Jones making 28.

KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY III were 18-run winners at home to Worfield III to consolidate mid-table in the Sunday League division one.

Opener Robert Oliver (55) and Gareth James (46) helped the hosts to 198-8 in 40 overs before Oliver

completed a fine all round game by taking 5-30 as Worfield were dismissed for 180 despite Luke Simpson's 82.

n Knockin snd Kinnerley progressed in the Lynx Shropshire Senior slam with a comfortable 10-wicket win over Cound in the first round.

After electing to bat in the game at Oswestry School, Cound were bundled out for 58 in 17.2 overs, with Jean-Pierre Erasmus taking 3-5 off four overs, before Hugh Morris cleaned up the table with 3-4.

In reply, Knockin cruised to victory inside nine overs, with Steven Gray hitting 31 not out, and fellow opener Luke Beckett unbeaten on 24.

It was far closer for **FRANKTON** who scraped a tight three run win at Market Drayton in their first round tie.

Electing to bat in their 20 over clash, Frankton posed 109-6, helped by Jordan Parry's 17, before limiting their hosts to 106-4 in response, Jacob Northwood the star of the show with 2-9 off four overs.

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Pool on the climb after win on road

WELSHPOOL look to maintain their good run of form in the Henshalls Shropshire Cricket League division two when they host Willey on Saturday.

Pool continued their climb up to fourth with a convincing 84-run success away to Cae Glas, who themselves now find themselves propping up the table.

Put in to bat at Oswestry's Gatacre, Pool posted 165-9 in 45 overs after recovering from the early loss of both openers with Matthew Knight making 48 and Dale Evans 40.

For the hosts, Gareth Edgerton picked up 3-34 from 13 overs, and Barry Richards 3-35 off eight. Dave Smith also bagged 2-43 from 15 overs.

In reply, the Glas crumbled to 81 all out in 31 overs, to collect just four points.

From being 25-, they slumped to 25-3 and 26-4, with the only resistance coming from Ben Hipkiss with 24 not out.

Tom Anderson was chief destroyer with 5-26 off 11.3 overs, while he was also involved in a run-out, as the visitors picked up 24 points.

Welshpool have won three of their last four, the other being a creditable draw against leaders Montgomery.

By contrast, Cae Glas are five points adrift at the bottom of the table, and now face a tricky trip to leaders MONTGOMERY who themselves will be out to bounce back from last weekend's seven wicket loss away to second placed Prees.

In the same division, ELLESMERE host Church Stretton as they look for much needed points following their six wicket loss to Willey.

In the premier division, Frankton entertain St Georges, while Knockin & Kinnerley welcome Beacon in the first division.

TNS on the shortlist for Premier awards

THE New Saints management and players will be vying for the season's top awards when the Welsh Premier League holds its annual presentation dinner at Ewloe on Saturday.

TNS boss Craig Harrison, whose side made it memorable back-to-back domestic trebles, is on the shortlist for the league's manager of the season award.

He will be up against Llandudno's Alan Morgan, whose side secured European football in their first season in the league, and Andy Morrison, who masterminded a revival at Connah's Quay who will also be in the Europa League.

Saints duo, right back Simon Spender and midfielder Aeron Edwards, have also made the league's player of the season shortlist after both enjoyed terrific campaigns.

Spender played a key part in the Saints' success, featuring 27 times as right back.

Also nominated for the top player accolade are Airbus UK Broughton forward Tony Gray and Landudno striker Marc Williams.

With the Champions League first qualifying round later this month, the Saints are now in their second week of training.

The draw for the first qualifying round takes place in Nyon Switzerland on Monday, June 20, with the first leg likely to take place on 28 June and return leg the week after.

HOME HELP IS OSWESTRY AIM

CRICKET by John Bridgwater

SKIPPER Jonathan Miles hopes Oswestry's fine form on the road can prove a catalyst for long overdue success on home soil when his side entertain Halesowen on Saturday (midday).

The Morda Road men produced an impressive all-round display to secure an 81-run victory away to Stratford-upon-Avon to climb up to sixth in the Birmingham Cricket League division two table.

That was their second consecutive victory on their travels this term, which atoned for their disappointments on home surrounds which has witnessed three straight defeats.

In fact, Oswestry have struggled to deliver positive results at their picturesque Morda Road ground where they have not won in the league for over two years.

So all-rounder Miles will be hoping that last Saturday's terrific victory at Stratford proved to be the springboard to a successful push towards the top of the division two table.

"That makes it two wins out of two away from home," said Miles. "Now it's time to see if we start picking up some victories at Morda Road."

"We enjoy playing at home, there's no reason why we shouldn't do well, and if we can perform like we did last week, then we can soon get the monkey off our back."

Run-outs

Oswestry will be without former skipper Mark Robinson for Saturday's clash with Halesowen, but have a ready replacement in Shropshire all-rounder Robbie Clarke, who is available for the first time at the end of his first year at university in Swansea.

Halesowen arrive in good form with last weekend's three wicket win at Penkridge lifting them up to third in the table.

Captain Miles last from the front for Oswestry last week, first hitting 71 as his side reached 237-6 in 50 overs at the picturesque Swan's Nest Lane ground.

He shared a six-wicket stand of 120 with Joe Carrasco (66), himself making his seasonal debut after returning from university.

Miles then took two early wickets as Stratford were bowled out for 156, with the last two wickets being run-outs.

Worcestershire all rounder Jack Shantry, who made a couple of appearances for Oswestry last season, hit a remarkable century for the Pears against Gloucestershire in the County Championship division two.

Coming in at No10, he helped his side recover to 439 all out with his second first class century of 106, which he reached in 93 balls. He cracked six sixes and 11 other boundaries.

His second fifty came in just 14 deliveries and he put on a quickfire 69 for the last wicket in under 10 overs with Charlie Morris who himself did not score a run in the partnership.

Magnificent Morda win cup



Captain Steve Bishton and manager Colin Turner with the trophy after Morda United's 2-0 win over Meifod in the Montgomeryshire League Cup final

A FINAL flourish saw Morda United lift the Montgomeryshire League Cup to complete a memorable campaign.

The Weston Road men were also runners-up in the JT Hughes Montgomeryshire League division one, and beaten finalists in the Llansantffraid Village Cup.

They made light of the fixture backlog caused by the wet winter to finish with a 15-match unbeaten run, with victories in their last 11 outings.

Goals in each half from Emlyn Williams and

Adam Jones secured the league cup with a 2-0 victory over Meifod at Newtown's Latham Park to spark deserved celebrations for the Weston Road club.

It has been an outstanding season for Colin Turner's side who finished second by just one point behind Llanfair United reserves in the Montgomeryshire League division one.

A string of postponements had left them with a daunting finish to the campaign, but Morda proved up to the task with a winning run.

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Llanfair boss delighted to retain trophy

MANAGER Rhys Stephens admitted lifting a piece of silverware was the perfect way for his Llanfair United side to finish a tough season, writes JOHN BRIDGWATER.

Holders United claimed the Montgomeryshire Challenge Cup for the second season running after securing a 3-1 victory over Carno in the final.

Matthew Spencer gave the Cymru Alliance side the lead and, despite their Spar Mid Wales League hosts levelling the scores, second half goals from Paul Griffiths and James Davies earned United the trophy.

"We were under no illusions it was going to be tough as they had beaten Caersws (Montgomeryshire Cup) and Guilsfield (Central Wales Cup) in the last few weeks," said Stephens.

"They are a decent side, but we were very good and fully deserved to win."

"It was a nice feeling to end with a trophy."

"Whatever the competition, cups are always hard to come by, and it was pleasing to have something to show for our efforts at the end of what has been a long season."

Victory

A few days before, Llanfair booked their place in the final with a 1-0 victory over Llanidloes Town, with a first half goal from James Davies enough to separate the sides.

Despite finishing second from bottom in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance, Llanfair are expected to retain their place in the league due to a lack of clubs coming up from the feeder leagues.

Their status is expected to be rubber-stamped when the annual meeting takes place at Caersws on Sunday.

"If someone had said we'd still be in the Cymru Alliance next season, and win the Montgomeryshire Cup, we would have taken that at the start of the season," added Stephens.

"We now need to kick on."

Local golfer Evans third in Welsh Open

OSWESTRY'S Gareth Evans was the top placed Welsh player when finishing tied third in the Welsh Open Youth tournament at Whitchurch in Cardiff.

Champion was Yorkshire's Bailey Gill who enjoyed the best win of his career when picking up the title despite firing a double bogey on the tricky 18th in his last round.

While Evans was leading Welsh player in tied third, Ben Chamberlain of Padeswood and Buckley finished in tied 10th place.

Gill had three rounds in the sixties to start off and at one point was eyeing former Oswestry golfer Ian Woosnam's Whitchurch course record of 62 before falling short. However, a closing round of 73 was still enough to win.

"It was nice to get the win after having trouble on the last, but a birdie on the 17th had meant I had a four shot cushion," said 19-year-old Gill.

"I played really well for the first three rounds and then the first nine holes of the last round before just holding on at the end."

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